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4th Mar.	MACEDONIA	10512	.....	.....
11th "	ARCADIA	6803	MONGOLIA	9505
18th "	ARABIA	7903	.....	.....
28th "	PENINSULAR	5294	OCEANA	6610
1st April	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....
8th "	ARCADIA	6803	MARMORA	10009
13th "	EGYPT	7912	.....	.....
22nd "	PENINSULAR	5294	CHINA	7913
29th "	CALEDONIA	7552	.....	.....
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13th "	MACEDONIA	10512	.....	.....
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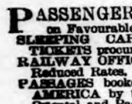

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Hoseinee	498	Lorne	Bo & P S N Co		
Tillippo Artelli	3782	Kurrachi	18-2 T M & Co		
Macedonia	6245	Bontett	London		P & O Co
Assaye		Dowell	Southampton	17-2	Transport
Caledonia	3529	Tocque	London		P & O Co
Kangra	1478	Henderson			M M & Co
Ort Idale	2305	Hamilton			T M and Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

A Nubia	3844	Tillard	Shanghai	22-2	P & O Co
D&E Clan Buchanan	1917	Main	Kobe	19-2	E Tajbhoy
P O Macdonald	3112	Haywood	Liverpool &c	27-2	P M & Co
G Naderi	1159	Coates	Rangoon	18-2	B & P S N Co
H Arbleton	1819	Blair	Kurrachi	25-2	Latham & Co
K Clan Mackenzie	1629	Le lie	N F		Finlay Muir & Co
N Corfe Castle	2958	Matiran	Baltimore	21-2	R A Willis
O Islami	1605	Hughes	R S Ports	16-2	B & P S N Co
Q Falls of Keltie	3130	King	Garston	30-3	T Morrison & Co

P. DOCK H. WALL.

Puri	643	Ahmed	Karachi	18-2	Shpd & Co

P. DOCK M. D. D.

Sawada	2121	Hill	Zanzibar	31-2	M M & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destinations.	Date.	Agent.
1	Masella	2250	Thomson	Liverpool	24-2	W & A G & Co
2	Clan Macneil	2804	Beer	Cor Coast	17-2	F Muir & Co
4	Ischia	2784	Maganzini	China	17-2	G erocco
5	Shadwell	2393	Tonton	Hull	25-2	M M & Co
6	Coromandel	2783	Montford	China	7-2	P & O Co
10&11	Othello	3527	Pradley	Karachi	25-2	F Muir & Co
14	Lhasa	2171	Rothwell	P Gulf	17-2	M M & Co
15	Birdoswald	2603	Craig	London	25-2	T Morrison & Co

V. DOCK H. WALL.

Kola	498	McDiarmid	Kurrachi	17-2	M M & Co

ARRIVAL.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
16	Kola s	McDiarmid	Karachi

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
16	Deo Baldunos	Canepa	Genoa, &c
	Tientsin s	Goldsmith	Kobe
	Islami s	Hughes	Jedah

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—
Steamer Ischia Maganzini, for Hongkong
" Lhasa Rothwell for Persian Gulf, &c

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B I S N Co's s s Goorkha left Marseilles homewards on the evening of the 14th instant.

ADEN, FEB. 15.

The P and O Company's s s Arcadia with the homeward mails of the 11th February arrived here at 7-30 p m on Wednesday.

SUEZ, Feb 16.

The P and O Company's s s China with the outward mails of the 10th Feb, left here at 5-30 a m on Thursday.

The Austrian Lloyd's s s. Persia sailed from Kobe for Bombay on the 16th instant.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	From
2	Ataka	Calcutta
Clan	Lindsay	Pondicherry
13	Nairung	Calcutta
13	Manora	Calcutta
13	Unita	Rangoon
13	Baron Fairlie	Calcutta
14	Marienfels	Antwerp
14	Liebenfels	Middlesbro
14	Bihara	Rangoon

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS, BY MAJOR T. W. SUFFE A. D. C. COMMANDING Bo. L. H.

Bombay, February 17, 1905.

1 The Squadron will parade this Friday morning at 7 a m punctually at the Riding School.
Dress—Plain Clothes.

2 The Range at Santa Cruz will be reserved next Saturday afternoon the 18th instant for class-firing, and competition for the monthly Challenge Cup.

3 The Corps will participate in the Combined Church Parade next Sunday and will parade dismounted in the Elphinstone Gardens at 5-20 p m punctually.
Dress—Review order (Summer) Swords on Slings.

By Order,
F. A. REDDIE, Lieut,
Acting Adjt. B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, V. D, COMMANDING.

Bombay, February 17, 1905.

1. The Battalion will fall in for Church Parade at the Gymkhana end of the Parade Ground at 5-15 p.m. on Sunday next, the 19th instant,
Dress—Khaki, Helmets and Side Arms. Medals to be worn. Bandoliers will not be worn.
Cadets will be conveyed in Special Tram Cars as follows :—St Mary's College—Two Double and One Single Care to leave Victoria Gardens at 4-30 p.m.

2. "E" Company (Cyclists will parade at the Sir Richard Temple's Statue on Wednesday next, the 22nd instant, at 3 p m for Semaphore Signalling.
Members of other Companies are also invited to attend.

By Order,
G. D. PRICE, Captain,
Adjutant B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, BY LT.-COL. LOUIS F. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, February 17, 1905.

1. The Corps will parade on Saturday the 18th instant at [illegible] p.m. at Colaba North Fort to continue the Annual Gun Practice and Inspection by the Brig-Gen R A. [illegible] Drill Order, Khaki, Puttics not to be worn.
[illegible] are particularly requested to attend this parade.
[illegible] E Coy will parade at 5-30 p m at the Apollo [illegible] Technical Instructions at middle ground on the [illegible] dates

[illegible] February	Thursday 23rd February
[illegible] 9th "	Friday 24th "
[illegible] 11st "	Saturday 25th "
[illegible] 3rd and February	"

[illegible] be a meeting of the Regtl. Committee at [illegible] on Monday the 20th instant at 5-30 p.m.
[illegible] Committee are requested to attend.

By Order
A. STIFFE, Capt. R. A.
Adjt. B. V. A.

[illegible] AND HYGIENE.
[illegible] and luxury, use the "Albion [illegible] ap," which Lady Constance [illegible] ant to use and whitens and [illegible] Testimonials from Countess [illegible] hite, Viscountess Exmouth, [illegible] and many others. Delicately [illegible]—When buying the Albion [illegible] see that the name and figure [illegible] the wrapper. Sold by all

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, FEB. 15.

SECURITIES—

2 1-2 per cent. Consols	90 1-2	=	+ 5-8
3 do. Rentes	2100	=	+ 1-4
3 1-4 do. Indian Sterling Loan	103 3-4	=	+ 3-4
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	86	=	+ 1-16

SILVER—

Spot in London	29 3-16	=	+ 1-8
2 months hence	27 13-16	=	+ 1-16
Spot in New York	61 3-8	=	+ 3-8

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25·29 1-2	=	— 1-2
Berlin	20·43 1-2	=	— 1-4
New York Demand	4·87 3-4	=	unchanged

DISCOUNT—

Bank of England	3 per cent	=	do
3 months' sight Bank Bills	2 5-8 per cent	=	— 1-4
" " Fine Trade Bills	2 1-4 per cent	=	— 1-4
" " Fine Trade Bills	2 3-4 per cent	=	unchanged
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	3 per cent	=	— 1-8

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	2 3-8 per cent	=	— 1-8
7 day market loans	2 1-2 per cent	=	unchanged

Amount paid into the Bank of England about £235,000.
At the Periodical biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 70,00,000

Rs.	6·70	were allotted to	Calcutta
Rs.	3·40	do	Bombay
Rs.	2·20	do	Madras

12·30 At 1s. 4 1-16d.
Minimum rate received 05 per cent. Average rate 16·06
Telegraphic Transfers—

Rs.	7·00	were allotted to	Calcutta,
Rs.	6·70	do	Bombay
Rs.	nil	do	Madras

6·70 At 1s. 4 3-32d.
Minimum rate received 05 per cent. Average rate 16·12
Total amount sold during the week Rs. 83,20,000
Amount to be allotted next week Rs. 90,00,000
Extra allotments Bills on Bombay Rs. 2,00,000 at 1s 4 2-32d.
Extra allotments Bills on Madras Rs 20,000 at 1s. 4 3-32d.
Transfers on Bombay Rs. 2,00,000 at 1s. 4 1-32d.

TALLOW.

Finest Australian Beef	26/3
Finest Australian Mutton	30/3
Tone of Auction, steady.	

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks 16 3-4 J.-F., sellers steady.
RUBBER—
Para Rubber 3 3 1-2
WHEAT—Easier.
RAPESEED—Firm.
LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 34 3-8 A.-M. sellers easier.
COFFEE—
Coffee in New York, 8 1-4
ARRIVALS—
Steamers—Wharfdale, Boxgrove.

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed steady. East Indian quiet. Manchester firm. Total sales 12,000. Spot 4·17 plus 9. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 6 13-16, plus 1-16. Sold on speculation and for Export, 1,000. Imports 11,000. Futures closed steady.

Feb.-Mar	Mar.-April	April-May
4·01 + 7	4·06 + 6	4·05 + 6
May-June	June-July	July-Aug.
4·06 + 6	4·08 + 5	4·09 + 5
Aug.-Sept.	Sep.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.
4·09 + 5	4·10 + 5	4·10 + 5

Receipts at U S Ports	12,000
Do. last year	11,000
Exports to Great Britain	nil
Do. do Continent	11,000

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	7·75	+ 5
Futures, month of March	7·91	unchanged. Tended to decline owing to bear pressure largely from New Orleans.
Do. do. July	7·99	— 1

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot	7 1-2	
Futures, month of May	17·24	— 2
Do. do. Aug.	7·30	— 1
Tone at close	steady,	

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Wenesday, 15th February, 1905 :—

Cotton	2,932 bales.
Wheat	20,579 qrs.
Linseed	10,690 "
Rape, Sal and Mustard	6,041 "
Gingellyseed	15,135 "
Poppyseed	15 "
Groundnuts	2,198 "
Castorseed	1,087 "
Rice	7,092 "
Myrabolams	5,798 "
Oilcake	3,614 "
Cottonseed	nil
Gram	2,439 "
Jowar	10,527 "
Bajra	nil

BOMBAY, FEB. 16.

Exchange—Tone firm.

Bank T. T.	1s. 4 1-16d		
Bank Demand	1s. 4 3-32d		
Credit Bills 8 Months' Sight D. A.	1s. 4 1-4d to 9-32d		
Do 6 do do	1s. 4 11-32d to 3-8d		
French Francs 8 do do	170 3-4 to 171		
Marks 3 do do	129		
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight	137		
Shanghai 30 do do	139		
Japan 30 do do	148 1-2		

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. Tone firm

Cash	98·9	
1st Settlement 1st March	98·10	
Money Market.—Tone firm.		

BANK RATE.—

Bank of England since 21st April	3	per cent.
Bank of Bombay do 16th February	7	do
Bank of Bengal do 10th November	6	do
Bank of Madras do 24th January	6	do

SEEDS—

Linseed.—Tone steady.	Rs. a. p.		
Ready	5 13		
Forward April-May	6 5 0		
Rapeseed.—Tone steady.			
Brown Cawnpore. Ready.	5 9 0	to 5-10	
Do Forward April-May	5 12 0		
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready	6 0 0		
Do Forward April-May	6 7 0		
Poppyseed.—Tone steady.			
Ready	6 4 0	to 6 5 0	
Forward April-May	6 14		
Castorseed—Tone steady.			
Ready	28 8 0	to 29	
Forward April-May	30 4 0		
GINGELLYSEED.—Tone steady.			
Howree Khandeish Ready	Rs. 44		
15 per cent Mixed	" 42-8	at 42	
50 per cent. "	" 40-8	at 41	
Black Kutnee "	" 34		

Wheat.—Tone steady.

White Delhi Wheat Feb.	4 9 0		
Do April-May	4 10 6		

SHARES.—Steady.

Bank of Bombay	1305
Maneckjee Petits	2255
Swadeshis	1050
Central Indias	1075
Kohinoors	517 1-2
Colaba Land Mill	595

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone.—easier.

Estimated sales	bales	8,000
Imports	do.	11,000

Feb-Mch. 3·98 —3	Mch.-Apl. 4·01 —2	Apl.-May 4·03 —2
May-June 4·03 —2	June-July 4·05 —3	July-Aug 4·06 —3
Aug.-Sept. 4·06 —3	Sept.-Oct. 4·07 —3	Oct-Nov 4·09 —3

COTTON.—The tone of the market is quiet but steady. We hear of little fresh business passing at Colaba, this afternoon.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited :—

				Ready and
Bengal (H.-G.)(Ry. terms)	170	169	...	25 Feb
Bengals(M.G.) (Ry. terms)	173	163	...	do
Sind-Punjab M. G.	173	163	...	do
Oomrawatee (desopts) (M.-G.)	179	173	...	do
Khandeish do.	170	164		do
Jalgaon do	172	166		do
Khangaum fair staple (M-G)	181	175		25 Feb
Karanja do. do. do.				
Akola do. do. do.				
Oomra, good staple (M.G.)	187	181	...	do
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (M-G)	182	176	...	do
Nagpore and Kampti do	185	179	...	do
Broach (M.-G.)	204	199	...	do
Do. do	204	15-25		March
Dharwar (S.-G)	192			25 May
Westerns	183			do

COINAGE OF BRITISH INDIAN GOVT. COINS.

The following is the statement of Silver Operations at the Bombay Mint from 8th Feb. to 15th Feb. :—In Lakhs of Standard Tolas.

RECEIPTS—	
Purchased silver	2
Withdrawn and uncurrent coin from Treasuries, &c	...
Native States coin	...
Total	2
COINAGE—	
New Rupees delivered to Treasuries or Currency Department	13
New Rupees made over to Native States	...
Total	13
BALANCE OF BULLION AND COIN—	
New coin ready for delivery	4
Government Bullion	*25
Currency Bullion	200
Withdrawn and uncurrent coin	1
Total	240

COINAGE OF BRITISH DOLLARS.

Receipts of Bullion for Dollar Coinage	...
Dollars Coined and paid over	...
Closing Balance of Bullion	...

* Exclusive of 29 of purchased silver brought on the Mint premises, but not yet received.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, FEB. 15.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	steady
Surats	quiet
Good Bhownagger	....
The Manchester Market has been	firm
2 1-2 per cent Consols	90 1-2
3 per cent Rentes	100
3 1-4 per cent Sterling Loan	103 3-4
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers	86
Bar Silver	28 3-16

The sum of about £225,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

HIGH COURT.—FEB. 17.

Before the Hon'ble Mr Justice B TYABJI.

For dismissal,

776,03—Ardeser H D and Co—Mahomed Jetha vs Meherall Visram—Payne and Co

Petition for hearing.

In the matter of Indian Coys Act VI of 1882 and in Re Bertie Smith and Co Limited—Kanga and P—For B S and Co

Payne and Co—G Mangel and Co—Limited, Petitioners
For Consent decree.

767,04—Matubhoy J and M—Mahomedally Fidally and another vs Abdool Hoosein Rahimbhoy—Crawford B and Co

83,05—Bicknell M and R—Burjorji Jiwanji Mistry vs Babaji Mahadoo Bagkar—Ghitnis and M

281,04—Thakurdas and Co—Moolji Noor Mahomed vs Anunda Sewa and Co—Wadia G and Co.
Suits for hearing and final disposal.
Long Causes.

302,04—Paye and Co—Dr Leo Gans and other vs The Actien Gesesls Chaft for Amitine Fabrication—Smetham B and N—Part heard
Commercial Cause.

759,01—Captain and V—Champsey Parbut and others vs Mowji Shamji and others—Madhowji Y K—Part heard

Long Causes

590,04—Tyabji D and Co—Cassumally Jafferbhoy vs Kulsumbai widow and others—Payne and Co Ardeshir H D and Co D D and S and Matubhoy J and M.

240,04—Wadia G and Co—Janco Hoosein and others vs The Bombay Fire and Marine Insurance Co Limited and others—Cragie L and O.

279,01—Edgelow G and W—Dullubhdas Parbhudas vs Motiram Gowan and others—Ardesir H D and Co and K D Shroff—For postponement.

29,03—Little and Co—Manibai widow vs Mangaldas Gopaljee and another—Edgelow G and W

294,04—Dikshit D and S—Parthakar Govind Vaidya vs Premchand Roychand and Co—Edgelow G and W and N M Cama

196,04—Payne and Co—Jugmohundas Vandrawandas vs Tookersey Shamji—Daphtary and F and Edgelow G and W

Before the Hon'ble Mr Justice CHANDAVARKAR

781,04—Bicknell M and R—Framji Shapurji Patuck others vs Framji Edulji Daver—Payne and Co—Parta heard.

117,04—Bhaishunker K and G—The Advocate-General vs Bai Sudha alias Mooghibai Madhowji and K—Part heard

365—01—Daphtary and F—Thakersey Shamji and others vs The Lord Reay Mills Company Limited—Matubhoy J and M and Dikshit D and S—Part heard

429,04—Hiralal and D—Babuji Sadhashiv Sujit and another vs Jankibai widow—K and J Billimoria—Part heard

762-04—Muljee and D—Nanbai widow vs Jamnadas Bhugwandas—Malvi H and M

765-04—Payne and Co—Hunsraj Morarjee vs Ranchordas Dharsey—Little and Co

771,04—Edgelow G and W—Dayachand Sakulchand vs Adam Hajee Jackeria—Thakurdas and Co

888,04—Payne and Co—Hunsraj Morarji vs Mongibai widow—Little and Co

247-04—Bicknell M and M—Tribhowandas Kalliandas Gajjar vs Ramanlal Gordhundas Goggor—Payne and Co.

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Insist on having "Condy's Fluid."

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for ANNOUNCEMENTS of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATH and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Re. 1 for six lines or less, and 2 as, for every additional lines CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

SASSOON—Feb. 15, at his residence "The Retreat," Peddar Road, Mr Silas E Sassoon, aged 62 years. Deeply regretted.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BELLAMY—Feb. 3, at Ranikhet, the wife of Captain R Bellamy, D S O, Royal Sussex Regt, of a son.
GRAY—Feb. 10, at 16 Loudon Street, Calcutta, the wife of Henry Gray, of a daughter.
MURRAY—Feb. 12, at Nae Bareli, the wife of J O D Murray, Opium Department, of a daughter.
SCOTT—Feb. 9, at Calcutta, the wife of Richard H Scott, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CARPENTER—RICHARDSON—Feb. 9, at St. Andrew's Church, Fyzabad, by the Rev J F W Gomperts, B A, George Sydenham Carpenter, of Cawnpore, to Daisy May, daughter of E C Richardson.

DEATHS.

DEW—Feb. 10, at Sibi, Baluchistan, Cecily Frances Mary, the infant daughter of Captain and Mrs Dew, aged 7 months.

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BOMBAY

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 28m. Sun sets, 6h. 1m. High water, 9-9m., 10-24s. Low water, 3-41m., 3-33s.
P. and O. s. s. Persia, with English mails of 3rd inst., due to arrive at 9 a.m.
First Criminal Sessions.
Indian Textile Journal Company, Meadows Street, 4-30 p. m.
Fitzgerald Brothers' Circus, Esplanade, 9-15 p.m.

KHOJA DURGA FAIR.—The annual Khoja Durga fair commenced yesterday morning in Tandel Street, Dongree, and will last for five days.

LOST PROPERTY.—The Bombay police notify the possession of some Currency notes to the value of Rs. 25 which are now lying at the Head Police Office awaiting claimants.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Natal, Cape Colony, Delagoa Bay and other places in South Africa per extra steamer Umsinga via Tuticorin and Colombo will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 p.m., on the 21st instant. A supplemental mail will also be closed at 7 p.m., on the 22nd idem.

BHOWNAGAR NOTES.—The weather has taken a change. It has been cloudy since Tuesday, writes our Bhownagar correspondent. This state of things will again give us a dose of unbearable cold of which we have had already enough.—The conversion of the Morvi line into metre gauge is proceeding day and night.

ROBBING A COMMISSION AGENT.—Chaganlal Bhugwandas, a Hindu Commission agent, carrying on business in Shaik Memon Street, has reported to the police that he entrusted at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, one Jewla Kalooji, a Marwari lad, aged about fifteen, with currency notes of the value of Rs. 1 000 to be delivered to the owner of a pehdi close by. As the boy did not return until 5 p. m., enquiries were made when it was found that the money had not been paid into the firm. A search is being made for the boy, who has since disappeared.

COMMITTED TO THE SESSIONS.—At the Esplanade Police Court, Mr Kersondas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate heard the case in which a Purdeshi named Bholanath Shivemangal stood charged with aiding and abetting certain unknown person or persons in fabricating a house-deed of one Amirbee, and cheating and getting it registered as genuine knowing it to have been otherwise, and committed the accused to the Sessions. Mr. A. F. Unwalla and Mr. Velinker appeared for the complainant while the accused was defended by Mr. Oliviera pleader. The facts of the case have already been reported.

FATAL ACCIDENTS IN BOMBAY.—H. C. Robbie, aged about twenty-five, a European steward, employed on board the steamship Caledonia, died at the St. George's Hospital at 2 o'clock yesterday morning from fracture of the skull, caused by his having accidentally fallen into No. 3 hold of the ship during Tuesday night last. From inquiries it appears that Robbie was on watch on Tuesday night and was seen walking about the main deck at about half-past 9 o'clock that night by the barman. Shortly afterwards he was found lying unconscious at the bottom of No. 3 hold. He was attended to by the ship's surgeon, but he did not regain consciousness and as his condition was considered serious, he was removed to the St. George's Hospital, where he died.—Shiba Teta, aged thirty-five, a Kalasi on board a buteila lying in gunpowder Basin, met with a fatal accident on Wednesday. It appears that the Kalasi was carrying a small log of wood from the vessel to the shore, when his foot accidentally slipped off the plank and he fell into the basin. As he fell the log of wood struck his head severely, killing him on the spot.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED CURRENCY NOTE FORGERY.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday afternoon, Mr. Kersondas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate disposed of the case in which Sub-Inspector Sikandarkhan charged Motilal Sunderji and Moolji Govindji, two Hindus, with attempting to pass a hundred-rupee forged note and cheating one Karimbhai Abdulla and with aiding and abetting each other in the commission of the offences. Mr. Chunilal H. Setalwad, barrister, appeared for the first accused while the second accused was defended by Mr. S. B. Spencer, pleader. The facts of the case have been reported at length. It will be remembered that the two accused had with them photographed currency notes when they were arrested by the Police. The Magistrate held that from the photographed currency notes alone, the charges could not be proved, because a photographic print of a note was not such a resemblance to a real currency note that any reasonable man might be deceived by its appearance Therefore the photographic prints were absolutely worthless. The series of acts adopted by the accused and deposed to by the witnesses in the case simply amounted to preparation for the attempt at forgery, which was nipped in the bud by the appearance of the police on the scene at an inopportune juncture. The Magistrate then framed a single charge against both the accused of cheating Karimbhai Abdulla in respect of a ten rupee-note and convicted the accused on their own plea and from the evidence before him. Taking into consideration the fact of the accused having been in jail since the 22nd of January last he sentenced each of them to one day's simple imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 75 or in default to undergo a further four weeks' rigorous imprisonment.

THE CHARGES AGAINST A PARSI BARRISTER.

THE ACCUSED CONVICTED.

A SENTENCE OF SEVEN YEARS.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Batchelor presided at a sitting of the Bombay Criminal Sessions, yesterday and the trial of the following case was concluded before his Lordship and a Special Jury.

Shapurjee Cowasjee Sanjana, formerly a member of the Bombay Bar, was charged with conspiring with Jadhavjee Parmanand, Kalianjee Mewjee, Morwanjee N. Saklatwalla, Rustomjee Banatwalla, and Krishna Govind Yadhav, to forge a document purporting to be the will of Purshotum Ladha in April 1900; with instigating Krishna Yadhav to forge the will; and with abetment of using as genuine a forged document. The Hon. Mr. Raikes, with Mr. Bahadurjee, instructed by Mr. Nicholson, Public Prosecutor, appeared for the Crown; and Mr. Rustom Wadia for the accused. The following gentlemen were empanelled on the

SPECIAL JURY.

Mr. Thomas Sharples, Foreman.

Mr. Shantaram Jaganath	Mr. A. L. Coverton
Mr. W. E. Crum	Mr. Peter J. Arnot
Mr. Phirose D. Lam	Mr. D. F. Batha
Mr. S. G. Sathe	Mr. E. Meyers.

Mr. Bahadurji, in further summing up the evidence for the prosecution, submitted that the character of the documents given up by the accused was not such as to satisfactorily account for their being in possession of the accused. For instance, there was among them the promissory note in the name of Munebershah Curseiji Bennett. It was strange that such a note should have been found in the possession of the accused instead of in the possession of Munchershah. Again, the packet contained a portion of the draft will with interlineations by Jadhavji. Had the accused had no connection with the conspiracy, Jadhavji would not have allowed such an important document to pass from his hands, as in his own words, his whole life depended upon it. The suggestion that the packet had been received by the accused by post thus fell to the ground, and had only been put forward, as the accused was in distress to find a better explanation. The learned counsel then referred to the fact of the accused having absconded from Bombay after his arrest, and urged that the reasons given by him should not weigh with the jury. Had such a plea been put forward by an illiterate man, it would have been considered plausible enough. But the accused had been a barrister of some standing, and he must have known the consequences of running away even at the solicitations of his family. Again, the reason given by him that he wanted a separate trial was not consistent with his subsequent conduct. For if he had so wished it, he could have come out of his retirement when the trial against the other persons had been concluded, and courted a separate trial. But instead of doing that, he went to Manila, and lived there under a new name. The learned counsel told the jury in conclusion that, if after considering the whole evidence, they had a reasonable doubt, they might give the benefit of it to the accused.

ADDRESS FOR THE DEFENCE.

Mr. Wadia next addressed the jury for the defence. He said it was not his case that the will was not a forgery. What he urged was that, if it was a forgery, it was a forgery in which his client had no hand. His client's name had been introduced into this matter through enmity. The learned counsel admitted that the accused did a very foolish thing in absconding from Bombay, but he asked the jury to remember that such a sensitive man as the accused was, was apt to lose the balance of his mind when such a serious charge as that of conspiracy and forgery was suddenly hurled against him. The learned counsel asked the jury to take that circumstance into consideration and not to allow the fact of his having run away to influence or prejudice their minds against the accused. Sanjana might have run away, but under similar circumstances better men than Sanjana had done the same thing. He might give an instance of a Civilian Commissioner at Poona.—

Mr. Bahadurji: There is no evidence before the jury with regard to this Civilan.

His Lordship: Mr. Wadia, I hope you will not put me to the necessity of interrupting you, for I have a particular repugnance against interrupting counsel when he is addressing a jury. We know nothing of the Commissioner that you speak of, I may also remind you that the fact of the accused having absconded is part and parcel of the evidence in this case.

Mr. Wadia, continuing, next commented at great length on the evidence adduced by the prosecution. He asked the jury not to believe the evidence of Yadhav and Banatwalla. They were both of them accomplices. Yadhav bore ill-feeling against the accused, and Banatwalla's evidence was contradicted by his own statement in the former trial. Bhoite, one of the important witnesses for the prosecution, was not forthcoming. The evidence given by him before the committing Magistrate was tendered before the jury, but it must be remembered that it had not been tested by cross-examination. If, however, the evidence of Bhoite as it was, was to be believed, counsel submitted that he should be taken as an accomplice, and required to be corroborated by independent testimony.

THE JUDGE'S SUMMING UP.

His lordship, in summing up the case to the jury, said that they must congratulate themselves that this trial had come to a conclusion. His lordship must say that the accused has had a fair and patient trial, and that whatever the wit of man can suggest in his favour had been placed before them by Mr. Wadia fully, completely, and ingeniously; and if there had been any profixity, it had been in a good cause. His lordship made some general remarks about the jury freeing their minds of any thing they might have heard outside the evidence, and explained the law bearing upon the charges laid against the accused. The jury were of course the judges of the facts; and they were told to give a complete verdict based on the evidence that had been placed before them. His lordship then briefly recapitulated the facts of the case which the prosecution had placed before them. An epitome was given of the contents of the documents relied upon. It appeared that some time after the death of Purshotum Ladha, an attempt was made to prove his will which was opposed by Mathuradas Kallanji with the result that the attempt failed, and the will proposed by Jadhavji as the will of Purshotam was pronounced to be a forgery. The main question was whether, as the prosecution alleged, there was a conspiracy, and whether the will was a forgery. His lordship explained to the jury the law relating

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CENTRAL PROVINCES FORESTS.

THE report on the Administration of the Forests of the Central Provinces is a distinct improvement on that dealing with the forests of the Bombay Presidency in that it has a compendious summary of the reports of the several Conservators, and we are thus enabled to tell, at a glance, all that has been accomplished. The volume is more bulky than was quite necessary, perhaps, and the Chief Commissioner, Sir Frederic Lely, administers a mild rebuke to the officers responsible. However, it is better to give a little too much information than a little too little. We learn that the whole forest area of the Central Provinces measures 22,675 square miles, a slight diminution on the previous year, for an area of 172 square miles has been deforested for cultivation. During the year a good deal of attention was paid to boundaries and only seventy-two miles now remain for which artificial marks have to be provided. No new working plans were sanctioned during the year, but considerable progress was made in the compilation of a plan for 141 square miles of sal forest in the Raigarh range. Other plans are wanted and some redistribution of districts is impending. The desirability of proceeding slowly in this direction is recognised by Conservators, and Sir Frederic Lely considers the suggestions wise, seeing that the best method of treating particular forests has not yet been ascertained by careful test and enquiry. In the case of several areas already under exploitation, it was found impossible to work completely up to the prescriptions of the working plans, important deviations having arisen from a lack of demand in three divisions, and others held in abeyance in considerable areas pending the final orders of the local Government. New roads, measuring 128 miles, have been constructed, a step in the right direction, as the Chief Commissioner says, for, if full use is to be made of new external markets for forest produce, which has hitherto been valueless, owing to the inaccessibility of the forest, a larger proportion of the surplus income must be devoted to maintaining good fair weather roads than has been found possible in the past. Much remains to be done in this direction in all the circles, the existing accommodation being generally insufficient. Some expenditure on water-supply has been incurred as the question of securing the chief grazing grounds against failure of water in times of drought has been brought under prominent notice in recent years and projects are now under preparation for meeting this want. The importance of constructing works which will hold sufficient water in the driest years for large heads of cattle is impressed upon the Department. The Chief Commissioner is aware that many of these undertakings will be costly, and promises that as the object of the expenditure is the prevention of mortality among cattle in years of famine, the propriety of making a special grant, on the analogy of protective irrigation works, shall be considered when fuller information as to the requirements of each province has been obtained.

It is recorded that the effects of the great drought of the year 1900 still continue to be felt in many of the forests, more especially in Berar. In the Southern Circle the cutting back of dying teak in order to obtain coppice shoots from their stools has been carried out with success, and the dead and dying sal is being extracted where possible. The Conservator of the Berar Circle describes the results of experiments made with the object of studying the history of the pests which injure the forests and combating their ravages. The Chief Commissioner places on record the fact that he views with much satisfaction the devotion by two district officers of taste and aptitude for natural science to the public use and his desire is that Conservators shall bring any individual work of the kind to notice. The Berar Circle was invaded in June by dense swarms of locusts, but they appear to have done little damage to the forest growth. On the other hand increased damage is anticipated in both forests and crops as the result of the great increase in such wild animals as pig, antelope and nilgai. The relaxation of grazing rules is advocated as grass is so heavy that Conservators find it impossible to reproduce trees from seed, and teak, babul and anjan are incapable of struggling against the dense undergrowth. Special attention is to be devoted to the subject in all circles with a view to the removal of the evil. On the whole, however, the year proved favourable for natural reproduction from seed. Sal seeded profusely in Mandla and germination was good. Natural regeneration was also satisfactory in the four divisions of the Southern Circle where sal occurs. The young growth of this species, nevertheless, is reported to be thriving badly. Frost has been generally held to blame, but Conservators think that there must be some other adverse influence at work. In almost all forests which are being worked as coppice with standards, the coppicing has been very successful. Combined field and forest cultivation has been continued in Berar, but in the Northern Circle this form of artificial reproduction has been generally abandoned, its failure being attributed to want of supervision and to too large areas having been undertaken.

An attempt which was made in Chanda to grow sandal is reported to have failed, but better results are hoped for in Berar. Experiments in the propagation of lac were successful in two districts, and in the Southern Circle it appears the Conservator has taken up the question of furniture woods, several specimens of which have been cut and are being seasoned for experimental purposes. In this connection, the Chief Commissioner expresses a hope that the Conservators and their staff will realise how useful an adjunct to their department the Technical Institute at Nagpur may become, both in the way of experiment and of exposition. We are glad to find that in the past year a still further display of energy manifested itself. Attention was paid to the tassar silk industry, which has long been in a decaying condition. The services of Mr. Mukerji, the assistant to the Director of Agriculture in Bengal, were lent to the Administration and he concluded enquiries into the subject, chiefly in Sambalpur, the results of which are awaited. But we read that Sir Frederic Lely is of opinion that it is most important to devise some means whereby the worms may be fed in the natural jungle without the wholesale breaking down of trees that now takes place. The problem is commended to the attention of Forest Officers who will doubtless be able to solve it. Sales of timber and fuel have been carried on at about normal rates, but the most important trading operations were the supply of broad gauge sleepers to the Bengal-Nagpur Railway in Balaghat and the completion of an indent for sal logs for the Jubulpur Gun-carriage Factory. The financial results were satisfactory, the administration costing Rs. 13,15,000 and the receipts reaching the total of Rs. 20,16,000, the year's surplus thus being over seven lakhs of rupees. Next year it will doubtless be greater, for communications with the railway lines are being opened up, especially in the Eastern districts, where a beginning is shortly to be made in exploiting the valuable sal forests which have hitherto been hardly touched.

CHINA'S MILITARY PROGRESS.

Unquestionably China is making progress with her military reorganisation. Under Japanese instruction the work is proceeding quietly but none-the-less effectively. So quietly, indeed, is it being carried on that while we have heard from time to time of decisions taken it is yet somewhat of a surprise to learn that all the eighteen Provinces of China, except three, now possess military academies. That fact alone demonstrates the determination of China to create an army on modern lines. These military schools and colleges have come into existence during the last three or four years; and they are not empty. The students number a total of 3,344 who are taught by Japanese professors and officers or by Chinese officers who have completed their education in Japan. Shaped by such tutors the Chinese officer of the future will be a different creature from the type which has led Chinese troops in the past. An account of the numerous academies and schools established for the training of officers shows that in the Chihli Province, which is the senior Viceroyalty, there are no fewer than three which between them supply primary, and advanced military instruction. The first of these is an academy for young cadets where there are 426 pupils. The military primary school which comes next has 120 students and then there is an academy for officers with over 500 members comprising regimental officers of all grades. In the Province of Hupeh the Viceroy, Chang Chih-tung, has established two academies, one for cadets and the other for officers. The first of these has sixty students and the second a hundred members selected from the various foreign-modelled regiments of the Province. The Kiangsu province has also two academies, one at Nanking and the other at Soochow, numbering between them a hundred and eighty cadets. The other twelve provinces each possess one school for cadets. Szechuan has 120 students; Shantung 240; Shansi 120; Kuangtung 180; Anhui 100; Kiangsi 160 with a supernumerary school in addition containing thirty members; Chekiang 100, Hunan 240; Yunnan 91; Kwichou 100; Shensi 60 and Chinese Turkestan or the new dominions forty cadets. In the Fukien province there is an institution styled differently from the others, the "Land Forces Academy" with 157 cadets. Shantung besides its Cadet Academy possesses in the city of Chingchou, where there is a Manchu garrison, an academy for forty young Manchu officers and there is a similar institution containing sixty young Manchu students in the city of Siuyuanchfeng in Shansi. The provinces which have not yet establishing any military training schools, are Kuangsi, Kansu and Honan. In Kuangsi rebellion has continued during the period the spirit of military reform has been at work throughout the rest of the Empire. The provincial finances of Kansu will not at present permit of the maintenance of a military academy there. The only explanation offered for the failure of the wealthy province of Honan to establish such a school is that that region has had a succession of reactionary Governors, The example of the rest of the Empire cannot, however, be long ignored

THE INVISIBILITY OF KHAKI.

It is interesting to note that the Swiss have decided to adopt our field service uniform and to take to khaki and putties. In coming to this decision, however, they seem to think that in regard to invisibility, there is not much to choose between the colour of their present and their proposed uniform, which, perhaps, after all is not surprising. Khaki, it is well-known, is in itself no more invisible than any other colour, and is entirely dependent upon its background and general surroundings. In this connection, it is interesting to recall that it was first worn by the men, who came down from the Punjab to fight for us at Delhi, and was, after many years, taken into general use, because its colour harmonised better than any other with the shades which most prevail on the plains of India, and on the stony foot hills of the frontier. But it is not the best colour for compaigning in every part of the world, though probably for our purposes the most generally suitable. In the Tirah campaign of 1897-98, for instance, it was noticed that the tribesmen were far less easily distinguishable than our own troops. The Afridi and the Orakzai dyed his garments with a dye extracted from the juice of the dwarf palm, which grows freely, to the exclusion of almost everything else, all over his barren hills, so that the tribesman sitting in his grey-green clothes among the rocks and vegetation of his border was as invisible as he would probably have been distinguishable on the plains of India. For the same reason, khaki seems a not very good colour in regard to invisibility for the green pastures, dark woods and snows of Switzerland.

MILITARY LIBRARIES.

THE Army Council, we notice, has set aside a sum of £18 per unit for the inauguration of a military library of standard works in every regiment in the Service, and although the sum is small a wise and popular move has been made in initiating the scheme. It is a pity that some militant Carnegie cannot be persuaded to come forward with an offer to endow a number of military libraries, as it will be no easy matter for regimental committees to select the few "best books" to be purchased for eighteen sovereigns. Military works to be of real value must contain maps and plans, while, to add to their interest, they should also include portraits, and all these additions mean increased expenses incurred in bringing out volumes for which the demand must necessarily be limited. It is no doubt intended that the infant library should remain in the barracks and be handed on from one unit to another. This is, perhaps, best way to save money, but we cannot help thinking that the results would have possibly been more satisfactory, could it have been arranged that the library books should have become the property of the regiment purchasing them. For many reasons, this latter plan would be the best, as not only would more interest be taken in the libraries by each unit, but regiments stationed in India would be able to share in the benefits. But whatever may be the restrictions and limitations of the scheme, there is much to be said in favour of the general idea.

THE Bank of Bombay, yesterday raised its rate of interest on demand loans on Government Paper to 7 per cent.

MR. J. P. HEWETT, Member of Council for Commerce and Industry, proceeds on tour to Bombay this week.

THE rules framed for the working of the Co-operative Credit Societies in Bombay are published in a Press note issued by the Revenue Department.

MESSRS. MORSHEAD AND ABBUTHNOT, Members of the Committee on Statistical Returns, will probably visit Madras, Bombay and Karachi, with a view to collecting information on the spot regarding the subject matter in hand. The Committee will afterwards re-assemble in Calcutta to prepare their report for the Government of India.

AT the Bombay Criminal Sessions yesterday, a Special Jury, after a trial extending over four days, found Shapurji Cowasji Sanjana, formerly a member of the Bombay Bar, guilty of conspiring to forge the will of one Purshotum Ludha, deceased, and of using as genuine a forged document; and not guilty (by a majority of five to four) of the charge of abetment of forgery. Mr. Justice Batchelor, the presiding Judge, sentenced the accused to seven years' rigorous imprisonment.

THE tea industry of Assam is not escaping the process of amalgamation which is observed in other industries in other parts of the world. At the close of 1903, there were 764 tea gardens in Assam against 780 in the preceding year. This decrease is wholly due to amalgamation, sixteen tea gardens having joined their fortunes with those of others. The gardens entirely closed were two in number, but in place of them two others were opened in the Sibsagar District. In view of the cry of over-production it is satisfactory to note, says the "Englishman," that the area newly planted was only 2,567 acres, against 6,463 abandoned.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending February 14th was 1,495, giving a death-rate of 100·17 per annum per thousand as against 76·12 the corresponding period of last year, and 117·62 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 41 died from fevers; 537 plague; 124, small-pox; 8, measles; 0, cholera; 3, leprosy; 51, phthisis; 76, diseases of the nervous system; 283 affections of the respiratory organs; 67, diarrhœa; 19, dysentery; 47, still-born; 140, old age and debility; 12, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 71; Brahmin, 48; Lingaet, 5; Bhattia, 9; Hindu of other castes, 774; Hindu low caste, 209; Musalman, 291; Parsee, 32; Jew, 4; Native Christian, 45; Eurasian, 2; European, 5; Negro-African, 0; Buddhist, 0; other and unknown castes, 0. The total number of births was 323 as against 263, the corresponding period of last year, and 256 the average over the past five years.

IT cannot be said that the N.-W.P. High Court dealt too severely "in the matter of a vakil," which came before a Bench of three Judges on Monday last. The vakil in question had obtained sanction to prosecute a man for perjury, and before the sanction expired he went to the defendant and offered for a consideration to "spoil the witnesses for the prosecution" and so bring the case to naught. A sum of a thousand rupees was paid over, but the vakil did not keep his bargain, and as a consequence the facts came to light. For this offence the High Court ordered the vakil to be suspended from practise for a period of two years only. "We are disposed to take perhaps a too lenient view of the case" the learned Judges remarked and many people, especially members of the legal profession, will be inclined to agree that they have done so says, the "Pioneer." The argument that the vakil had practised for sixteen years and there was nothing against him is surely on that cuts both ways: he was doubtless relying on his previous good character to carry him through should the facts be disclosed. It is evident that the offence was not due to a sudden and irresistible temptation: it was a deliberately planned attempt to obtain an illegal gratification for a course of action which the vakil had no intention of pursuing. Having regard to the prevalence of offences of this and an allied nature in India, it is most desirable that when a clear case is brought to light, the punishment inflicted should be sufficiently heavy to act as a warning and a deterrent.

THE new French Cabinet has a very curious clerical problem to resolve. It will be remembered that one of the incidents which hastened the rupture with Rome occurred in connection with two Bishops, who were called upon by the Holy See to resign, but were retained in office by the Republic. One of these prelates was Mgr. Le Nordez, Bishop of Dijon. After a show of resistance, the Bishop went to Rome, and placed his resignation in the hands of the Pope. It was accepted. But the French Government ignored these proceedings, and continued to treat the Bishop as if he were in actual discharge of his duties. The work of the diocese was performed by two vicars-general, who were originally appointed, according to ecclesiastical procedure, by the Bishop himself. Rome treated these vicars-general as having succeeded to the Bishopric, and being in full charge of its spiritual powers. The Republic, on the other hand, treated them as the mere agents of the Bishop, continuing to pay to the latter his ecclesiastical stipend fixed under the Concordat. A new complication, however, has just arisen. The Bishop has revoked his vicars-general. The consequence is that he is now the sole person administering the diocese, in which, according to the Pope, he has no right at all, having resigned his spiritual functions. The revocation of the Bishop has all the force of law, and has been embodied in a decree by the President.

BOOKS OF THE DAY.

The fourth volume of the Works of Ralph Waldo Emerson, MISCELLANEOUS PIECES, is recently issued in the "York Library" form, (George, Bell and Sons). These include a very varied list of contents, on abstract and concrete subjects, subjective, and objective religious, moral, political and personal, papers contributed to different magazines, or speeches and addresses delivered on special occasions. Emerson's description of Thomas Carlyle, written immediately after seeing that writer in 1848, is eminently characteristic of both men:—

"If you would know precisely how he talks, just suppose Hugh Whelan (the gardener) had found leisure enough in addition to all his daily work to read Plato and Shakespeare, Augustine and Calvin, and remaining Hugh Whelan all the time, should talk scornfully of all this nonsense of books that he had been bothered with, and you shall have just the tone and talk and laughter of Carlyle. . . . He talks like a very unhappy man—profoundly solitary displeased and hindered by all men and things about him, and, blitting his time, meditating how to undermine and explode the whole world of nonsense which torments him.

If young men of liberal ideas go to see Carlyle, Emerson says,

"It needs more than a clean shirt and reading German to visit him. He treats them with contempt; they profess freedom, and he stands for slavery; they praise republics and he likes the Russian Czar; they admire Cobden and free-trade, and he is a protectionist in political economy, they will eat vegetables and drink water, and he is a Scotchman who thinks English national character has a pure enthusiasm for beef and mutton—describes with gusto the crowds of people who gaze at the sirloins in the dealer's shop window and even likes the Scotch night-cap; they praise moral suasion, he goes for murder, money, capital punishment and other pretty abominations of English law.

Other leaders are described as vigorously. The text of this edition of Emerson has been carefully collected and revised by Mr. George Sampson.

THE GOLDEN THREAD by Tom Gallon (George Bell and Sons) is a very unusual sort of Christmas story, with a heroic little girl of fourteen as chief character. The hero is the last of many generations of Vernes, and occupied at, times unwillingly and by no means creditably, the Old Hall, the fine seat of his ancestors. In a freak, he put an advertisement in the papers offering the place to let furnished at a nominal rent, the first comer to have it. Janetta the heroine, in a family crisis, when the rent was not forthcoming, Christmas at hand, a relentless landlord threatening to take possession of the furniture retained through many woeful vicissitudes in the Eaden history, sees the advertisement and decides to leave the landlord to do his worst, and to migrate with her luckless father, her little brother and sister to the Old Hall and take possession. From the moment of entering on the pilgrimage, the rest is like a fairy story, with some very doubtful human characters thrown in Janetta with her resolute practical mind, from which all sorts of drudgery and misfortune have never banished the power of imagination and delicacy of feeling, rises to the occasion every time, and wins her way through in marvellous fashion. She unconsciously rouses the better self of Hardley Verne at the right moment and he responds in the most generous manner to the higher voice. The dramatic termination of the wild life in the Old Hall on Christmas eve is as complete in its effect as any of these in Dickens's stories that first introduced the revival of human feeling worked among the callous by the Christmas chimes.

A volume of ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA on modern lines by W. M. Baker, M. A. and A. A. Bourne, M. A., is published this year (George Bell and Sons). The Report of the Committee appointed by the Mathematical Association on the Teaching of Elementary Mathematics, suggested new methods, and a difference of order in the treatment of elementary subjects, and to meet these recommendations, which examining bodies are universally adopting or endorsing, the authors compiled this new "School Algebra". Compliance with recent suggestions caused graphic work to be more freely employed through the book. Graphs are used in the solution of equations, square and cube roots, statistics, height and distance problems, rate problems, indeterminate equations, logarithms, ratio and variation. The analogy between Algebra and Arithmetic is made plain, the purport of negative quantities, and the substitution of numbers for letters are introduced and illustrated graphically. Many other difficult points are made easy of approach, and the mere gymnastics of the subject are replaced by or subordinated to useful and suggestive work. A very large number of examples are introduced at every stage, and sets of revision papers given at the end of every term's work, to enable the student to acquire facility and speed in the solution of problems. There are 7,000 examples in the book.

This is the age of literature in cheap and handy form leaving no reader an excuse for ignorance of any branch, ancient or modern, classic prose and poetry or recent fiction. The best writers' works are all brought within reach of the millions that have learned to value a good book. Among the most recent issues are the "Handy" illustrated POCKET NOVELS series (Collins' Clear-Type Press London) each volume containing at least eight original drawings, Dickens, Scott, George Eliot, Kingsley, Charlotte Bronte, Hughes, Reade, Charles Lever, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Wilkie Collins, Mrs. Henry Wood and many others are drawn on to fill the long list of this series, the best of the works of these authors being selected for reprint in this form. The price is one shilling net each volume, in neat cloth binding with gold lettering (limp leather two shilling) printed on excellent paper, in clear bold type. The paper though opaque is thin enough to admit of one of these books of over 600 pages being slipped into the pocket, a welcome companion on railway journey or ship-board.

NOSTROMO, by Joseph Conrad (George Bell and Sons) is a long tale of treasure searched for and found through many perils by sea and land. The treasure was in an island, one of the Isabels islands belonging to a small republic in South America, where tradition had it that extraordinary tribes guarded it. Nostromo, one of the Italian workmen imported to labour on the National Central Railroad, diverges in search of this mysterious treasure. As he keeps his mind to himself it is a long and difficult undertaking full of excitement and the mouths swarm with incidents, when practically every one concerned holds his life in his hand. There are many tragedies, and much heroism displayed. The life led by the Republicans and the general points of interest in the country are well worked up in the story. It is a wild place, with old world superstitions surviving in all their force and freshness. Nostromo did not gain much happiness from his search for the ingots, though he devoted all his energies and his great skill to it. But the story Joseph Conrad makes out of it all is interesting reading of the sort he has familiarised us with.

A NEW edition of Stormonth's etymological and pronouncing DICTIONARY of THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE is issued by William Blackwood and Sons. The book has been carefully revised throughout, all words added to standard usage in the English tongue during recent years being represented. Etymology, which has made much progress since the Rev. James Stormonth first published his admirable work, has received close attention in this edition. The work forms an excellent book of reference for every department of English speech. It has all its living words, spoken and written, terms used in the arts and sciences, or in those used in men's technical avocations, while provincial speech and [illegible] slang find a place in it. There is an extensive variety of information on every subject [illegible] in the volume that raises it to the level of [illegible] lish cyclopædia.

UNDER TROPIC SKIES by Louis Becke (George Bell and Sons) is a collection of adventures from every part of the world. Many of [illegible] occurred in the South Sea Islands, and [illegible] with the labour trade in these seas, [illegible] ning mingled with the most exciting other stories have their scene in [illegible] in the wilder parts. All are well [illegible] ing, giving an idea of what life [illegible] considered, but none the less [illegible] the Southern Seas and pick up [illegible] hood there. Louis Becke is master [illegible] short story.

MILDER weather is reported [illegible] Himalaya's district. The [illegible] the Chumbi Valley continue

RUSSIAN ACTIVITY.

A FLANK MOVEMENT.

NEW JAPANESE SHIPS.

THE BALTIC SQUADRONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, FEB. 15.

Reuter (Tokio) says that the destroyers Ariake and Fabuki, constructed in Japan, were commissioned to-day and that another is finished and ready for launching.

Reuter (Tokio) says that nine thousand Russian cavalry with a force of artillery appeared thirty miles to the west of Liaoyang last evening and attempted to cross the Hanho, threatening Marshal Oyama's extreme left. There is a simultaneous increase in Russian activity in the centre.

LONDON, FEB. 15.

The third Baltic squadron has left Libau.

The Grand Duke Alexis, who is head of the Navy, bade them farewell.

THE REDISTRIBUTION BILL.

Introduction Postponed.

LONDON, FEB. 15.

It is not intended to introduce the Redistribution Bill this session. Government, however, will move a resolution with a view to the appointment of a Commission to elaborate the redistribution scheme.

THE TIBET BLUE-BOOK.

A Motion of Censure.

MR. BRODRICK ATTACKED.

Mr. Malcolm, last night, gave notice of an Amendment to the Address that the publication of the Tibet Blue-Book was mischievous and ill-judged and calculated to diminish the dignity and security of the Commissioners despatched on Imperial business and to undermine confidence in the wisdom of the India Office.

PARLIAMENTARY VACANCY

Sir John Willox Resigns.

Sir John Willox, member for Everton, (Liverpool) has resigned.

THE PREMIER DIAMOND MINE.

Another Big Find.

Another diamond, weighing 334 carats, has been found in the Premier mine at Pretoria.

THE JAPANESE HOUSE-TAX.

The Hague Arbitration

The final replies in the Japanese house tax arbitration were exchanged at the Hague to-day.

THE FISCAL QUESTION.

Mr. Asquith's Challenge.

A LIFELESS DEBATE.

LONDON, FEB. 16.

Mr. Asquith's Amendment was introduced in the House of Commons last evening. A lifeless debate followed on the same old threadbare lines. A division is expected to-night.

OBITUARY.

Admiral and Novelist.

LONDON, FEB. 15.

The death is announced of Rear Admiral Hammet, Superintendent of the Malta Dockyard, and of General Lew Wallace, the American novelist.

Rear-Admiral James Lacon Hammet, C. V. O, was born on the 15th May, 1849, joined the Royal Navy in 1862, and saw service in the Egyptian War of 1882. He had been Superintendent of Malta Dockyard since 1902. He was awarded the Royal Humane Society's medal and clasp for saving life on two occasions, and recommended for the Albert medal.

General Lew Wallace was born at Brookville, Indiana, U. S. A., in 1827, and became a barrister in 1848. He served as a 2nd-Lieutenant in the Mexican War. In the American Civil War he was appointed Adjutant-General of Indiana, promoted to the rank of Colonel and subsequently to that of Brigadier-General. In 1862, on the recommendation of General U. S. Grant, he was promoted to the rank of Major-General for good conduct at Fort Donelson. He was Governor of New Mexico from 1878 to 1881, and United States Minister to Turkey from 1881-1885. He has published many works, among the principal being "The Fair God," 1873; Ben. Hur. 1880?" "The Boyhood of Christ," 1888; "Life of General Ben. Harrison," 1888; "The Prince of India," 1893; "The Wooing of Malkatoon," 1898.

THE RAILWAY BOARD AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 16.

Government Resolutions are about to be issued on the formation of the Commerce and Industry Department and on the constitution of the Railway Board.

THE POLICE COMMISSION REPORT.

The decision of the Secretary of State on the Police Commission report should shortly reach the Government of India.

For immediate delivery 10 H. P. two Cylinder Clement Cars Rs. 5,400.—Sole Agent for India, E. J. Lee, 28, Esplanade Road Bombay.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

EXPLOSION ON A SUBMARINE.

Serious Loss of Life Probable.

LONDON, FEB. 16.

A serious explosion of gasolene has taken place on board the submarine boat "A" 5 at Queenstown. It is feared that the loss of life is considerable.

A ROYAL BETROTHAL.

"The Duke of Coburg is betrothed to Victoria Adelaide of Schleswig Holstein Shiekesburg."

AMERICA AND PERSIA.

Sincere Friendship Preferred.

The Persian Minister who has arrived at New York stated that Persia believes in American friendship being sincere and uninspired like that of other countries by covetousness. He hoped trade between America and Persia would flourish.

THE VICEROY'S SHOOTING TRIP.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 16.

Lord Lamington, Colonel Baring and Captains Akers-Douglas and Meynell leave this afternoon for the Viceroy's shooting camp at Kolabaki, Assam, but Lord Curzon will not be able to get off from Calcutta to-day. His Excellency leaves with Major Macnab, I.M.S., to-morrow afternoon.

PLAGUE IN INDIA.

CALCUTTA, FEB. 16.

A slight fall took place in the plague mortality in India last week, the improvement being shared by the Bombay presidency, Bengal, the United Provinces and the Punjab, each of which had a few less deaths than in the previous seven days. The total number of deaths for the whole country was 33,660, the Bombay presidency recounting for 2,755, Bengal for 4,926, the United Provinces for 14,438 and the Punjab for 8,419.

POONA REGATTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, FEB. 16.

The 37th Annual Regatta of the Royal Connaught Boat Club was held at Rosherville this evening and proved an extremely pleasant function. Almost the whole of Poona and Kirkee society gathered on the river bank and provided a scene worthy of the artist's brush. The Members of the Club were most hospitable to the guests, and the delights of afternoon were augmented by the presence of the 107th Pioneers' band. The programme was briskly carried out and Captain Boileau, the Honorary Secretary, is to be congratulated on its eminent success.

The first event was the Canoe Race which was started from a quarter of a mile away down the stream. The oarsmen were Captain Corry, R. E., and Captain Delap. They pulled well abreast from the start till within fifty yards from the gun shot. Captain Corry by hard and vigorous strokes forged head and won by three quarters of a length.

The Service fours for the challanged Cup presented by the winners of the season Cup in 1871 was a very pretty race. They got off well together but the presence of a fair cox of the Medical boat proved more than an ordinary stimulant to her crew who went ahead a quarter of a mile and striking beautifully in unison maintained the lead to the end and won by about five lengths.

The Junior Sculls, a-half mile pull, sent three competitors down the stream. They broke into a sort of a procession with Mr. Lyons ahead, Mr. Stewart second and Major Vallancey third, Stewart winning by several lengths.

The Senior Sculls was won without much effort by Col. Fooks, beating Mr. Stewart by three lengths.

The two boats then went out for a mixed double sculls each of which contained a pair of the fairest of nymphs in Poona. Bagshawe was cox of Captain and Mrs. Webbs' boat, and Mrs. Ling cox of Capt. Hooper and Miss Fooks'. The boats looked very picturesque as they glided rapidly down the stream. They kept level right away to a few yards from home where Capt. and Mrs. Webb forged ahead and won by about half a length.

The Regimental eights was a typical race of a 'Varsity affair. The boats were manned by about the most muscular and ardent crew and were level right away down the stream till nearing home when the Engineers dipped hard and won the beautiful and exciting race by half a length.

The win of the Engineers was immensly popular. The defeat of the Medicals, which was practically on the post, was unfortunate. But the misfortune can easily be explained. Many of the crew had already pulled with distinction in several races previously and were naturally tired out.

Mrs Richardson, wife of General Richardson, distributed the prizes. The General made a short speech. Congratulating the winners and Mrs. Webb in particular he said that in a large garrison like that of Poona, it seemed to him that as the military duties were not so heavy as to interfere with the possibility of raising more competitive crews, the start on the river could be much improved, if officers would thrive a little more enthusiasm into it. Cheers being given, the annual Regatta was brought to a successful conclusion.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Captain John Bell, V. D., 2nd Battalion, Bombay Baroda and Central India Railway Volunteer Rifles, is granted the honorary rank of Major.

ARRIVALS, February 16.

Captain P H Henderson, R A M C, from Ahmednagar.
Lieut A T Walker, 32nd Punjabis, from Belgaum.
Captain W A Short, R A, D A A G, from Poona.
Lieut-Colonel A H Burton, R A M C, from Jubbulpore.
Captain C R Harbord, 29th Lancers, from Sirur.
Lieut R W H Burchier, 66th Battery, R F A, from Jhansi.
Captain G D Bruce, 61st Pioneers, from Belgaum.
Lieut R Prince, 123rd Rifles, from Rajkote.
Lieut R V Hunt, 123rd Rifles, from Rajkote.
Major C Tritton, 114th Rifles, from Vakola.
Lieut H R Whitehead, 9th Gurkhas, from Cannanore.
Lieut H C Elliott, Inspector, Army Schools, from Bangalore.
Lieut S S Hayne, Northampton Regt, from Jullundur.
Lieut A E J Lister, I M S, from Ferozpore.
Lieut G R Hutchinson, 34th Pioneers, from Mian-Meer.
Lieut R A Lloyd, I M S, from England.
Lieut A H Seagrim, 1-6th Gurkhas, from Abbotta bad.
Capt C O Ritchie, 2nd South Stafford Regt, from Allahabad.
Colonel H W Pearse, Half Pay, from Lucknow.
Major S T Bowles, East Surrey Regt, from Sitapur.
Lieut F B Storey, East Surrey Regt, from Sitapur.
2nd Lieut R H Willan, 2nd King's Royal Rifles, from Bareilly.
Lieut G F Green, 1st Devon Regt, from Shahjehanpur.

DEPARTURES, February 16.

Lieut R A Lloyd, I M S, to Mian-Meer.
Lt-Colonel Grantham, 33rd Cavalry, to Poona.
Lieut D MacDonald, A V D, to Mhow.

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WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

Millinery of the Moment.

FASHIONS IN PARIS.

LEAGUES OF SYMPATHY.

LONDON, JAN. 27.

While we are called upon to endure, here in London, alternate spells of frost and thaw, each equally objectionable, it is more than a little tantalising to see in the windows of a well-known hatter in Piccadilly an inscription calling attention, in large letters, to a group of Panama hats for summer climes. These hats are intended, primarily, for the mere man, of course; but even so, they conjure up visions of sunshine and orange-groves, which are painful by contrast with what we have had to endure of late in the unattractive samples of weather which have been vouchsafed to us in England. Three very dainty and novel hats, destined for Monte Carlo, should be of interest not only to those who, like the swallows, are "flying, flying south," but also as being typical of what we may expect to see at home here before very long in the way of millinery for the early spring. One hat is made in cerise taffetas glace silk, with two narrow insertions of ivory-white guipure let into the brim, and an ostrich feather curling over on one side, and shading from cerise through tones of palest pink to ivory white. Star-shaped flowers, in white velvet, with diamond centres, also adorn the brim, just where it turns off the hair, and in the distance have all the appearance of a cluster of edelweiss. It may be noted, in parenthesis, that glace silk is being used at the moment for many of the smartest hats.

Next comes a pretty picture hat, with a very wide brim of folded chiffon, adorned with quaint little Empire leave in rather bright green satin, laid like an applique upon the folds of chiffon. Nearer to the brim there is a border formed of a number of detached yellow roses. The high crown is composed of a trelis-work of pale green velvet ribbon, and on the top there is spray of yellow roses. One long ostrich feather shading from yellow to white completes the trimming. The third hat is new version of the always popular Marquise shape, carried out this time in fine white chip, bound at the edge, narrowly, with black velvet ribbon, and finished on one side with a cluster of sharply pointed black wings. A wide band of shaded Parma violets, arranged in quite a novel way, follows the line of the brim, while the crown is coveted closely with the same dainty flowers. A hat of a similar kind might be arranged with equal success if, instead of violets, the flowers used were forget-me-nots or mimosa blossom. In white glace silk, or even in white moire, this that would be pretty, too, with an insertion band and crown of very small pinks roses, and a cluster of shaded pink wings towards the back.

For casino gowns, white is more in demand than colours, although certain pale pastel shades are being very much worn on the Riviera, notably a delicate tone of jade green, and a turquoise blue so pale that at night it looks like the faintest lavender. As far as materials are concerned, the softest and most supple varieties of taffetas mousseline hold their own triumphantly, both in white and in pale colours. Very smart, too are those chameleon taffetas, which show a combination of two or three different tints, the delicate shade melting into one another, with that fugitive opalecent effect seen only in mother-of-pearl. In the case of the gowns in ivory-white or cream-coloured taffetas, so many of which are to be seen just now on the shores of the Mediterranean, deep flounces of broderie anglaise, worked in the same silk, still appear as a favourite form of trimming. A hint of colour is sometimes given at the waist and again at the throat by a folded corselet-belt in the other, carried out in chine Pompadour ribbon. The prettiest of these ribbons have tiny bunches of pinks roses, pale blue forget-me-nots, and green leaves thrown upon an ivory-white ground, with a narrow line either of black or of bright turquoise blue at the extreme edge of the ribbon.

Gowns in soft white Ninon de soie and in white crepe de chine are to be seen very frequently at the tables, too, made in that simpler style which is sure to prevail later on in the year. They are arranged most frequently with very full skirts, innocent of any kind of trimming, and deep waist belts of soft satin or Louisine silk, with a ladder of little bows down the centre of the front. The bodices of these gowns are, as a rule, of a similar simplicity, with crossing folds of the material coming from the shoulders both back and front, and then losing themselves under the deep waistbelt. The space left between these folds is generally filled in with transparent real lace, lined sometimes with soft silk, but more often with two or three thicknesses of tulle or chiffon, and continued in the form of quite a high collar-band round the neck. Smart little coats in gaily-coloured glace silk, some with habit tails and some with long basques all the way round, are being very much worn at Monte Carlo, with skirts in the finest ivory-white Ninon or mousseline de soie trimmed with any number of little frills, flounces, and insertions in ivory-white Valenciennes lace.

A Monday night at the Opera in Paris, (writes "A Society Butterfly") affords a brilliant sight and a useful lesson in frocks, jewels, clocks, and evening dress generally. Full dress is worn at the Paris Opera, and not hats and high gowns, as at the theatres. But a smart Parisian prefers to dress quietly in the stalls, and reserves for the loges her splendid jewels and elaborate costumes. Tiaras are much less used in Paris than in London; and the ornaments most on view were necklaces; earings, shoulder straps, and priceless garnitures de corsage. Long earnings were worn by several of the best-dressed women. The whole scene was dazzling in the extreme, but many of the smartest gowns were in white, cream, pale, grey, and soft tints of mauve, lemon, and delicate green. Black and white also appeared, and several all black gowns were covered with gleaming jet. Vivid shades of red, orange, and bright blue were nowhere to be seen; and such an occasion as this affords a sure guide to the styles of another season.

Flowers are much worn in the hair, and also as trimmings to dresses. And I noticed a revival of the pretty fashion of a wreath of blooms arranged around the bodice of a low-cut evening gown. One mauve "mousseline" had a wreath of Parma violets as a trimming around the shoulders; another mauve dress—a chiffon—had the neck bordered with an edging of wistaria blossom; and a cream lace was garlanded with a flat wreath of small yellow roses. Oddly enough, there seemed to be an invariable rule as to the texture of the black and white toilettes. The black were either in tulle or velvet, and the white or cream colour in lace, or in soft, thick satin. Shoulder straps appeared on several smart frocks, and when these were not in diamonds they were formed of gold or silver braid, or of jet, when worn with black tulle or velvet costumes. Perhaps the modern "decolletage"—cut straight and slipping from the shoulders—requires the support of a shoulder strap. Skirts are still full and pleated, but the folds disappear into nothingness about the hips and waist. A good many women wore a scarf of white tulle thrown over their shoulders, in Paris this style seems to have taken the place of the lace or chiffon scarves which we know so well in London. Silver is now much to the fore as a trimming for evening gowns. One beautiful dress in soft cream satin had a rich of garniture of dull silver; and another exquisite frock in green tulle was embroidered with silver, and had a deep silver fringe that fell on to the arms as far as the elbow. Writing of arms reminds me that most of the sleeves came to the elbow, and were met by long gloves in white or tan suede, rather than in the hard white kid that now seems peculiarly English.

HAIRDRESSING appears much the same in Paris as in London. The hair is fluffed out on each side of the face and well over the ear, is worn high, arranged in light twists, and drawn in a soft puff on the forehead in front. Many of the heads were dressed with flowers. Roses, especially red and pink appeared to be in great favour; and several women wore white blooms in their dark hair, such as gardenias or comellias. As good many aigrettes were to be seen, the black spangled with jet and the white silver. Then, bands of tulle, diamante, and to match the gown in colour, appeared on some well-dressed heads, and were finished by an aigrette, or by a small brooch in diamonds. Diamond stars are still worn in Paris; but there were few or none of the gorgeous tiaras that lend their radiance to Covent Garden. On the other hand, every second woman wore a wondrous dog-collar, composed of fine pearls, or of large single diamonds set with rubies or emeralds.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Thomas Holmes, the well-known police court missionary, and Mr. Cartmel Robinson, the genial vicar of Holy Trinity, Hoxton, will get many women to join their "Home Workers' Aid Association," at whose meeting the Duchess of Belford presided the other day. The tragedy of the artificial flower makers, with their pitiful industry, in which roses and violets are turned out by the gross in a working day of eighteen hours, ought to move every woman who wears flowers in her hat to make the "amende honorable" by joining the "Farthing League." The Children's Department of Humanitarian League had a capital entertainment last week, at the Holborn Town Hall, and as an appropriate show, had the history of "Black Beauty set forth on a magic lantern, among many other items of interest. Indeed the animals' champions have been unusually active of late, and I heard the other day of a treat, given under the kindly auspices of "Our Dumb Friends' League," to sixty stable boys, with the view of encouraging them to treat houses kindly, each guest being presented with a book on horses, by Mrs Orange, the kind hostess. Certainly humanitarian ideas grow apace. What may be called their linguistic development is seen in the benevolent aspirations of Esperanto Club, which is determined to be taken seriously, and still hankers after a "universal language." But is it not rather late in the day for such an invention, considering how successfully English and French divide the world between them; Apropos of our French friends, every English woman who understands the extraordinary strength of French filial affection will deeply sympathise with President Loubet in the loss of his aged mother. Throughout a strenuous political career M. Loubet's devotion to the simple old "paysanne" who sold in "sabots," fed her own poultry, and baked her own bread in the country home she refused to quit for all the attractions of Paris, has a patriarchal charm to which few among us can be insensible.

NOTES FROM HONG-KONG.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

HONG KONG, JAN. 30.

THE sporting element so prominent in our small island are once more bestirring themselves, as the date fixed for the races is fast approaching. On all sides, one hears murmurs concerning record times and the current shades of odds. At the same time, the Hockey League matches have commenced and are in full swing. In the first round, the 93rd Burmahs defeated the 110th L. I., on the 27th inst., and on the same date the 114th. Mahrattas, after twice drawing with H. M. S. Ocean, eventually defeated the ship's team by four goals to one. The second round will probably be played off this week.

On the 26th inst., the 114th Mahrattas held their regimental sports in commemoration of the capture of the fort of Mahadeogadh by the Regiment in 1832. This achievement of which they are justly proud has been celebrated every year, in some way or another by the Regiment, and their sports this year were highly appreciated. The Kowloom General Parade ground was gay with bunting, the course being marked out with flags of different colours, and the varied programme was watched with much interest by some 2,000 spectators amongst whom I noticed H. E. the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan and Major-General Villiers Hatton, C. B. The programme contained, besides the ordinary races, common to all regimental sports, a melee on mules, a competition in which ladies had to answer a set of conundrums, sackfighting and a dumb-well display.

After the prizes, directly it became dark, about 40 men performed various practices to music with Indian clubs, the ends of which were stuffed with blazing tow. This display lasted for about 10 minutes and was followed by a lantern parade in which about 150 men carrying lanterns of varied colours took part. The effect of the different colours mixing and then re-sorting themselves was extremely pretty. Eventually at 7-30 p.m., "God save the King" was played, and bidding good-bye to our hosts, we walked through the lantern-men who were drawn up in two rows to light us to the main road, where our rickshas awaited us.

The 114th Mahrattas leave for Poona on the 17th February, and are to be relieved by the 119th. The 110th L. I., and the 93rd Burmahs are also leaving us early in the year.

The Volunteer Ball took place also on the 26th and went off well.

We have suffered from a severe disappointment this week. We heard that General Stoessel, the heroic defender of Port Arthur, was to arrive on the French mail steamer en route to Russia, and were all anxious to give him a good welcome, but owing to a case of illness on board, the ship was placed in quarantine and we had no opportunity of seeing him ashore.

The Chinese New Year is fast approaching and the dollar has risen to two shillings for the first time in four years. Let us trust it may prove a good omen for the success of our small island throughout the New Year.

DEPARTURE OF THE TRANSPORT ASSAYE.

THE hired Transport Assaye, Captain E. R. Dowell, R. N. R, will sail to-day for Southampton with details comprising 66 officers, 21 ladies, and 16 children, 14 warrant officers, 16 women, and 30 children, 1,384 non-commissioned officers and men, 39 women, 71 children and 26 prisoners and 12 insanes. The following are the names of the officers:—

Col F W Botiler wife and infant R F A
Col H W Fearse and wife 2nd E Surrey
Lt-Col E F Nelson wife and child R G A
Lt-Col A H Burlton wife and 2 children R A M C
Major L P Bowles and wife 2nd E Surrey
Major G M Dobson and wife R A M C
Major E G Browne and wife
Major R Brankman R I Fusiliers
Major R W H Anderson H L I
Major J C Connor R A M C
Major E H Atkinson wife and 2 children R E
Major C H Heycock R E
Major R Leigh 4th Drag Guards
Capt G A Ellis 4th Drag Guards
Capt H de L Watters S L Regt
Capt F R Greer R I Fusilier
Capt W A Short and wife R F A
Capt C S Dixon R I Rifles
Capt E P Bedwell R F A
Capt C A Ritchie S Safford
Capt T E Madden 17th Infantry
Capt C R Harbord 29th Lancers
Capt C Crozier R G A
Capt G D Bruce 61st Pioneers
Capt F S Irvine R A M C
Capt R St G Gillespie R E
Capt R L Crawford A V D
Capt J Lonargan O1 Dept
Capt P H Henderson and wife R A M C
Capt L Jones Mortimer Somerset
Capt C F Anderson R E
Lt and Qrmr Mr W H Vernon R W Fus
Lt and Qrmr J O'dyly 119th Inf
Lt and Qrmr A G Ritchie Cameronian
Lt and Qrmr H C Owen and wife M L Regt
Lt and Qrmr G F Green Devonshire
Lt and Qrmr G B Olivant 12th Lancers
Lt and Qrmr G Culme Seymour R R Rifles
Lt and Qrmr A M E Walke wife and infant 82nd Punjabis
Lt and Qrmr R W H Bourchier R F A
Lt and Qrmr J C Dick Munster
Lt and Qrmr M Muirhead 30th R F
Lt and Qrmr H F Gordon 18th Lancers
Lt and Qrmr A E J Lister I M S
Lt and Qrmr R H Hawell 15th Lancers
Lt and QrmrR B Condens 45th R F A
Lt and Qrmr A H Seaquim 6th Gurkha Rifles
Lt and Qrmr F B Storey 2nd E Surrey
Lt and Qrmr S S Hayne Northampton
Lt and Qrmr A V P Martin Wiltshire
Lt and Qrmr Hudson wife and 5 children R E
Lt and Qrmr H H Coffins N Stafford
Lt and Qrmr T C Lethbridge 123rd Inf
Lt and Qrmr A P Woodhouse 12th Inf
Lt and Qrmr H E Renvon 73rd R G A
Lieut G S M Hutchinson 34th Pioneers
Lieut S Jones R W Fusiliers
Lieut Stuart Monteith 24th Punjabis
Lieut Elliot Army School
Lt and Qrmr Kirkpatrick and wife R G A
2nd Lt R H Willan R R Rifles
2nd Lt Beck Irish Guard
2nd Lt A Wood 8th Lancers
2nd Lt Maxwell Cheshires
2nd Lt P D Knight 13th Hus
Comdr C R Rowsell R I M
Miss Knapp Nursing Sister
Miss Parker Nursing Sister
Wife of Col Atkin 11th Inf
Widow of Hon Capt Ward
Widow of Col Harris and Child 2nd Rajputs
Widow of Hon Lt Gray and 2 children Mhow List
Miss Steward sister-in-law of Major Atkinson R E

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Mr. W. C. Tudor-Owen, I.C.S., is appointed to do duty as Assistant to the Agent to the Governor, Kathiawar.

Mr. W. S. Mangan, Assistant Secretary to Government, Political Department, is granted privilege leave for one month and thirty days, combined with furlough to Europe for ten months, from the 12th April.

Mr. A. C. Wild, I.C.S., Assistant Judge and Sessions Judge, Ratnagiri, is granted privilege leave for two months and four days with effect from the date on which he may avail himself of it, on condition that he returns to duty on the expiry thereof.

Mr. W. M. F. Clarke, Acting District Superintendent of Police, Kanara, on relief by Mr. J. W. Fellowes is appointed to do duty as Assistant Superintendent of Police, Kanara, till he avails himself of leave sanctioned.

Mr. G. H. Cowan, I.C.S., Assistant Collector in the district of Belgaum, is appointed to be a Magistrate of the Second Class.

Mr. W. T. W. Baker, B.A., (Oxon.), I.C.S., Assistant Judge and Additional Sessions Judge, Poona, is appointed to do duty as Assistant Judge and Additional Sessions Judge, Surat.

The resignation, by Mr. Silas Meyer Moses of the post of Honorary Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, has been accepted.

The Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Messrs. A. F. Kindersley, I.C.S., and H. L. Fox, I.C.S., Assistant Collectors and Magistrates of the Second Class in the Province of Sind, to be Justices of the Peace.

Mr. T. B. Fry, Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, is granted privilege leave of absence for three months.

Mr. W. W. Drew, I. C. S., to be first Grade Commissioner vice the Honourable Sir Frederic Lely, K. C. I. E., C. S. I., I. C. S., confirmed in the appointment of Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.

Mr. C. M. Baker, I. C. S., Acting Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind and Frontier, is allowed such privilege leave as may be due to him in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to 18 months from 7th April or subsequently.

Mr. E. J. Bolus, I. C. S., is appointed to be Assistant Collector, Poona.

Mr. O. Rothfeld, B. A., I. C. S., on relief becomes Assistant Collector, Broach.

Mr. E. L. Sale, B. A. (Cantab), I. C. S., on return to duty, acts as Collector of Sukkar vice Mr. P. R. Cadell, I. C. S.

Mr. P. R. Cadell, I.C.S., is appointed to act as Collector of Land Revenue, Customs and Opium, Bombay, Superintendent of Stamps and Stationery, Registrar of Bombay and Commissioner for the purposes of the Income Tax Act in the Town and Island of Bombay, during the absence on leave of Mr. E. Gray, Bar.-at-Law, I.C.S., or pending further orders.

Mr. J. Ghosal, I.C.S., passed an examination in Sanskrit according to the High Proficiency Test on the 13th February.

Mr. A. G. Wright, M. A., Educational Inspector, Sind, is appointed to be on special duty in connection with the conference regarding the School Final Examination to be held in Bombay in the current month.

Mr. P. Wren, M. A., Head Master, Karachi High School, holds charge of the office of the Educational Inspector, Sind, during the period of deputation of Mr. Wright, in addition to his own duties.

Captain S. Evans, M.B., I. M. S., is granted privilege leave of absence for three months from the date of relief.

Captain R. W. Anthony, M.B., I. M. S., acts as Assistant Surgeon to the David Sassoon Hospital and Assistant to the Civil Surgeon, Poona, during the absence on leave of Captain S. Evans.

Mr. W. G. G. Bayly, Examiner of Accounts, attached to the office of the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Bombay, is appointed Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Assam.

BOMBAY YACHT CLUB REGATTA.

THIRD DAY.

THE following are the results of the] Races which sailed yesterday evening:—

Cruisers' Handicap Race for Town Cup. Started at 2 p.m.

Names of Boats	Time Allowances M S	Entered by	Time of arrival H M S	Corrected time H M S
Godwit.....	Scr	Mr G T R Scovell	5 11 24	3 11 24
Kileen	7 16	Mr N N Wadia	5 24 27	3 17 21
Stella	25 26	Col H W Boyd, I M S	5 41 3	3 15 37
Melody.....	39 58	Mr J S K Macbeth	gave up	
Isca	61 46	Mr E Faulkner	6 39 21	3 37 35

Course No. 18 21 miles. Wind N. W. Strength fresh.

Cup won by Godwit and second prize won by Stella.

Ships' Boat Handicap Race. (Service Rug.) Started at 3-15 p.m.

Names of Boats	Time Allowances. M S	Entered by	Time of arrival H M S	Corrected time H M S
Hardinge's 30ft Cutter H ..	15 0	Lieut J F Vibart R I M	5 25 32	1 55 32
28 ft Cutter R ..	20 0	Lieut J F Vibart R I M	5 28 13	1 53 13
25 ft Gig N.....	20 0	Sub Lieut V L Price, R I M	did not start	
28 ft Gig D.....	20 0	Capt G S Hewett R I M	5 34 13	1 59 13
30 ft Cutter A ...	20 0	Lieut K Money, R I M	5 31 55	1 56 35
27 ft Cutter I.....	20 0	Lieut J N Forteath, R I M	did not start	
Pinnace No 3.....	10 6	Commander A Kelly R N	5 9 0	1 44 0
30 ft Cutter No 5,	15 0	Mr K Robertson Glasgow R N	5 31 7	1 58 7
27 ft WhalerNo 7	40 0	Mr A R Hammick, R N	5 51 43	1 56 43
Launch No 1	Scr	Lieut T H James, R N	Gave up	
Launch No 2	Scr	Lieut B H Rawsay, R N	5 8 26	1 33 26
20 ft Cutter No 6	15 0	Mr G P Thompson R N	5 32 13	2 2 13
32 ft Galley No 8.	13 0	Lieut Fisher, R N	5 17 47	1 49 47
28 ft Cutter P.....	15 0	Lieut LaTouche, R I M	5 24 1	1 53 0
27 ft Whaler W..	40 0	Lieut LaTouche, R I M	5 25 44	1 31 41

Course No. 13.—9-3 miles. Wind N. W. Strength fresh.

1st prize won by Dalhousie's Whaler W, 2nd prize won by Hyacinth's Pinnace No. 3, and 3rd prize won by Hardinge's Cutter R.

FOURTH DAY.

Obstacle Race for the boats of the R. N. vessels in the Harbour.

Entrance free 1st prize Rs. 40, 2nd prize Rs. 20, and 3rd prize Rs. 10. Start at 5-30.

Obstacle Race for the boats of the R. I. M. Vessels in the Harbour.

Entrance Free, 1st prize Rs. 20, 2nd prize Rs. 10, and 3rd prize Rs. 5. Start at 5 20.

Bunder Boat Race (go as you please) for licensed Karachi and jolly boats.

Entrance Free. 1st prize Rs. 25, 2nd prize Rs. 15, and 3rd prize Rs. 5. Start at 5 p.m.

Tony Race (go as you please) for licensed tonies.

Entrance Free. 1st prize Rs. 10, 2nd prize Rs. 7, and 3rd prize Rs. 5. Start at 5-10.

Yachts Dinghy Race. For Dinghies over 10 feet belonging to yachts on the R. B. Y. C. list.

Entrance Free. 1st prize Rs. 10 and 2nd prize Rs. 5. Start at 5 40.

Yachts Dinghy Race. For Dinghies under 10 feet belonging to yachts on the R. B. Y. C. list.

Entrance Free. 1st prize Rs. 10 and 2nd prize Rs. 5. Start at 5 50.

PULLING AND SAILING RACE FOR MEN-OF-WAR BOATS.—Boats will be anchored in a line near the Starting Line with awnings spread, ensign flying and oars in board—when Gun fires anchors will be weighed and Boats will pull to the 1st Mark where awnings will be furled and Boats make sail to the Committee Vessel. Sail will there be lowered and masts got down, awnings spread, ensigns put up, oars got out and Boats will anchor. The First Boat so complete to win.

PRETENDERS abound in Paris, finding it an agreeable anti-chamber to the throne of this or some other country. I had the honour of a presentation the other evening to Prince Charles of Bourbon, said, writes a correspondent, by some to be the grandson of Louis XVII, whom vulgar historians made to die in his prison of the Temple at the age of eleven. That was obviously too young for the purposes of succession, but the Prince says that the boy who died was a substituted youth, weak and scrofulous, and that his grandfather only ceased to be in 1845. The Pretender has certainly a most remarkable resemblance to the features of the Sixteenth Louis, the anniversary of whose death, by the way, occurs to-morrow. Naturally I asked him if a Ministerial crisis was not favourable to his cause. 'Yes," he said, "in a general way, certainly," but his eyes did not flash as I expected Pretender's eyes to do. And he explained the reason of his resignation. "I await the signal of the people of France; it is for them to decide the hour."

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

THE LATE SIR GEORGE COTTON.

IN pursuance of a requisition signed by twelve members of the Corporation, an urgency meeting of the Corporation was held in the Municipal Council Hall yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of enabling the members to give suitable expression to the feelings, with which they had received the sad intelligence of the death, on 5th instant, of their late esteemed colleague, Sir George Cotton, K.C.S.I. Mr. James Macdonald, presided.

The Hon. Sir Pherozeshah M. Mehta said that they had met together for the purpose of giving expression, and putting on record, the deep and profound grief with which they had received the news of the death of their old and esteemed colleague, Sir George Cotton. They remembered him, working on the board so young and vigorous, taking part in the proceedings not only of this Corporation, but of other civic bodies of the City with usefulness and vigour, that it was almost difficult for them to realise that he had passed away so soon after leaving Bombay. It was, therefore, that they were shocked and grieved to hear of the sadness of his death a few days ago. He (Sir Pherozeshah) did not propose on that occasion to go into any account of the useful and valuable services rendered by Sir George Cotton not only to the Corporation, but to the City and the Presidency at large for the reason that when he left these shores, the citizens of Bombay presented him with an address and gave him a public entertainment to mark the high appreciation of what he had done in the different directions which he (the speaker) had alluded to so far as this Corporation was concerned, Sir George Cotton was one of its members from 1883 to 1900. The Corporation twice elected him as its President, and both as member of the Corporation, and when in the chair, he took such interest in the affairs of the Municipality and this City, that he received their highest estimation. Almost all of them were familiar with what he had done in the Corporation and he (the speaker) did not wish to take their time in describing his services. What he wished to say was that whatever he did,—both in the Corporation and in the City—was marked with broad sympathy of his kindly nature and kindly hear:. He brought to the deliberations of the Corporation not only broad sympathy of kindly nature, but he also brought a sound practical common sense, born of large and varied experience of the world; and it was in consequence of that, that he was able to make himself very largely useful to this Corporation. He (Sir Pherozeshah) would give one instance of the frankness of mind with which Sir George Cotton dealt with all questions that presented themselves before the Corporation. He did not know whether members would recollect that some years ago, the Corporation had accumulated a large surplus of twenty lakhs of rupees. When they were in possession of this surplus the question of carrying out house connections in the city came before the Corporation. After numerous committees had been appointed, it was resolved that the house connections should be carried on; and it was decided at the instance of landlords and some of the members of the Corporation that the handsome surplus of twenty lakhs, which they had accumulated by years of thrift and economy, should be devoted to the defraying of the cost of the house connections, thus saving the landlords the cost of putting the house connections even in their own houses. At first Sir George Cotton was inclined to take that view and supported the proposal which had been moved by Dr. Blaney and which was carried. He (the speaker) was very much opposed to the idea as it was not in keeping with the honour and dignity of the Corporation to devote a sum of such magnitude in the manner proposed. The first person whom he tackled on that occasion was Sir George Cotton. They talked over the matter very carefully and he placed before him all the reasons to show why the Municipality should not devote the sum for the purpose. Sir George was convinced by the reasons put before him, and he (the speaker) then found he had a strenuous colleague and with his aid the resolution was cancelled and the burden of the expense of house-connections was equitably divided between the house owners and the Corporation. That was the spirit and open mindedness with which Sir George Cotton worked at the Corporation with the result that all sections of the members looked up to him and loved him for his broad and sympathetic mind. When he left these shores, they wished him long life and happiness and hoped it would be long ere he ceased his career of public activity. Unfortunately their wishes and their hopes had not been realised and now they learnt that he had passed away from their midst. But his memory was fresh among them and they always remembered Sir George Cotton as a kind, useful and valuable colleague. Before sitting down he (the speaker) would like to add one word. It was said that members of European community were not able to give their time to the work of the Municipal administration on the ground that there was too much talk and much time was wasted. Sir George Cotton's public spirit did not prevent him from taking part in the public affairs of the city. His public spirit realised that in spite of all calls, private and professional, it was his duty to devote a portion of his time to the public affairs. He was not only connected with a large mercantile firm, but he took part in various other bodies.

THE OUTLOOK IN THE PRESIDENCY.

THE OFFICIAL VIEW OF THE POSITION.

The Chief Secretary to the Bombay Government has submitted the following report to the Government of India :—

During the week ending 20th December, 1904, there was rain at eight stations in Surat, varying from 33 to 5 cents, and during the week ending 27th idem at four stations in the Panch Mahals varying from 48 to 8 cents, and at six stations, in Khandesh, varying from 33 to 2 cents. There was no rain in any other district of the Presidency proper during the months of December and January and the rainfall of the year is reported to have been insufficient almost everywhere.

GUJARAT.

In the Gujrat districts, the condition of the agriculturists, labourers, and cattle is still reported to be generally satisfactory. In Ahmedabad the complete failure of crops is restricted to a few villages in the north-west of the Viramagam taluka, and so far the distress in this district has been but slight. In addition to the two test works reported in my last letter, two more were opened but very few people availed themselves of the relief offered, and consequently three of the works were closed. The number on the one still open has never reached 300 workers a day, and on the last day of the week ending the 14th January, 1905 the number was 178 only. The Collector, however, reports that works will be necessary in four talukas by the month of March, when cotton picking will be over and no other field labour will be available. As to the rest of the district, though cotton, wheat, and gram are reported to be slightly damaged by the cloudy weather in some tracts, the rabi crops are said to be in fair to good condition, and the people find employment for the present. The Collector of the Panch Mahals District reports that the standing rabi crops are withering for want of moisture, and it is apprehended that some works will be needed in the ensuing hot season. In Kaira the situation has in no way changed for the better. At the end of November the Commissioner, Northern Division, visited this district and reported that in the Matar taluka (which is largely a rice taluka) the rice crop had failed entirely, that cotton was grown less extensively there than elsewhere, that there were few rabi pulse crops, and that the conditions were not good for wheat and barley. He came to the conclusion that the demand for labour was real and that if distress was to be avoided, work should be provided by Government, and recommended that famine should be declared in that taluka. Government sanctioned this recommendation, and the two test works in that taluka were converted into regular relief works by the end of December 1904. The daily average numbers of labourers on these works have been reported to the Government of India in the weekly season telegrammes. The latest figures for week ending 21st January, 1905, show a daily average of 2,372 workers and 204 dependents. The test work which was opened in the Mehmadabad taluka had 689 workers on it on the last day of the week ending 14th instant. It is anticipated that further provision of relief will be required in the end of February or early in March, but in the worst taluka, Matar, the numbers on relief works are not expected to exceed 13,000, and may be as low as 5 000. The kharif crops have yielded a poor outturn and the rabi crops are reported to be withering for want of moisture in the Broach District. Agricultural labourers for the present find employment in cotton picking and other field work; but it is apprehended that with the advent of the hot weather test works will have to be opened in most seriously affected talukas. As intimated in my last letter the fodder supply of the district is insufficient, and the Collector reported in the beginning of December that as private enterprise was unable to meet the deficiency, 150 lakhs of pounds of grass would have to be imported by Government. Orders were accordingly issued to the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, to arrange for the supply of grass to the district from the Navapur forests of the Khandesh District, and an additional sum of Rs. 75,000, making 1·14 lakhs in all was placed at his disposal for expenditure in connection with the supply of grass to the districts of Surat and Broach. Later reports show that the imported grass is not finding a ready sale in the latter district, while in the former it is expected that the issues will be completed and the gass depots closed by the end of January. The deficiency in rainfall in the district of Surat has been greatest in the Olpad and Chorasi talukas and in the western portion of the Mandvi taluka. The rice crop of the district has completely failed, none of the irrigation tanks having filled. The western portion of the Olpad taluka there has been a complete failure of other crops and a partial failure in the remaining portion of this taluka and in parts of Chorasi and Mandvi talukas. It is not at present possible to say whether any relief measures other than suspensions and remissions of land revenue will be required in this district.

THE DECCAN.

Turning to the Deccan, I am to say that the hopes that were entertained as to the success of the rabi harvest have not been realised. The absence of showers in November and of heavy dews in December, coupled with snaps of excessive cold, have caused the crops over considerable areas to wither without coming to ear, and it is feared that there will be more or less extensive failures of rabi crops in several, if not all, of the districts of the Central Division. The water supply is also running short in some districts, and an allotment of Rs. 10,000 for its improvement has been placed at the disposal of the Collector of Nasik. Prices are not seriously rising, and if there are abundant harvests in the Berars and elsewhere, it is possible that they may not seriously rise for a long time, and the labouring population will migrate for work to the more favourable regions. It is anticipated that no real distress will exhibit itself anywhere in the Division before the beginning of the hot weather; but the general situation and prospects in these districts are not yet definitely known, and the requirements of the Division in respect of relief measures cannot therefore be gauged with any degree of accuracy.

In the Karnatak the months of November and December were almost totally rainless. The Bijapur District receives rain in September, too late to be of any use for kharif sowing, but opportunely for rabi sowing. The October rain however was below the average, and since October the conditions have not been favourable; the cold weather dews, so beneficial to rabi crops have been absent, and strong east winds have nipped the growing crops. Prices of food grains are approaching 20 per cent above normal and the Collector of the district considers that unless good crops in other tracts prevent a marked rise in prices there may be not indeed acute distress but some need for relief in three of his eight talukas, and still more in other three, while in the remaining two no special measures may be necessary. The supply of fodder is reported to be running short, and permission has been given for the remission of grazing fees and opening of forest to free grazing. An allotment of Rs 5'000 has been placed at the disposal of the Collector for the improvement of the water-supply of the district. In the beginning of this month the Collector intended opening test works about the end of the month. The same measure is contemplated by the Collector of Belgaum in which district as also in Dharwar the crops are reported to be withering in some parts from want of moisture.

TAKAVI ADVANCES.

A further sum of Rs. 1,05,000 has been alloted for takavi advances in the districts of the Northern Division and Ahmednagar. The estimates of famine relief expenditure for the current and next financial years which have been received from the Commissioners are mere guess work, since it is not possible to frame tolerably accurate estimates until the situation is more fully developed. This Government have taken Rs. 1,50,000 as the revised estimate for the current financial year, and have provisionally fixed Rs. 5,70,000 as the next year's estimate for Civil expenditure and Rs. 2,24,000 for Public Works' expenditure, or eight lakhs in all. It is hoped that the requirements of the several districts will be more definitely ascertained during the month of February, and the Commissioners have been asked to report not later than the end of that month what alterations in the estimates provisionally approved by Government they deem necessary, and to explain their requirements in detail. I am to promise that every endeavour will be made to furnish the Government of India early in March with a more precise forecast of probable famine expenditure.

SUSPENSIONS AND REMISSIONS

As regards suspensions and remissions of land revenue, orders were issued by this Government in their Resolution No. 6985 dated the 15th September 1904, laying down the principles on which suspensions were to be granted in the present year. The Commissioners were at the same time asked to intimate to the Accountant-General all suspensions and remissions granted under these orders, and the latter was asked to report to Government how far they were likely to affect the budget estimates of the current year. From the Accountant-General's report received on the subject, it appears that in the Northern Division inquiries are still in progress in the Ahmedabad and Kaira Districts. The Collector of Broach gives Rs. 11,00,562 and Rs. 4 73,485 as a preliminary rough forecast of suspensions and remissions respectively for his district. In Surat Rs. 78,670 have been remitted and Rs. 502 suspended. In Thana the suspensions granted amount to Rs. 28,900. In the Central Divison inquiries are being made. As regards the Southern Division no suspensions and remissions will be required in Kanara and Kolaba. In Bijapur it has been so far found necessary to postpone the kharif instalment from their ordinary dates to those fixed for the rabi instalments and the Collector has stated that the question of suspensions need not be considered at present. In Dharwar about Rs. 50,000 are likely to be remitted and Rs. 1,50,000 suspended chiefly in the Navalgud taluka. The information for Belgaum and Rathnagiri Districts has not yet been received. No suspensions and remissions have yet been granted in the province of Sind. In consideration of those suspensions and remissions the District Officer's revised estimates for the current year under the head 1. "Land revenue," (divided) amounted to Rs. 3,61,25,000 against the budget estimate of Rs. 3,97,00,000 and have been accepted by Government at a round figure of Rs. 3,61,50,000. The District Officers' budget estimates for next year under the same head amounted to Rs. 4 12,51,000. These estimates appeared to Government very high, and suspensions and remissions have yet to be granted in the Deccan and the Karnatak, and also to some extent in Gujrat; and they will affect next year's figures, both because the second rabi instalments fall within the next financial year and because it is not probable that a large proportion of the revenue of which the collection may be suspended in the current revenue year will be collected before the close of the next financial year ending 31st March, 1906. In these circumstances the Governor in Council has considered it sufficient to fix next year's estimate at Rs. 3,84,45,000.

I am to ask that the Government of India will be pleased to sanction the further allotment of Rs. 75,000 for grass operations mentioned in paragraph 3 of this letter.

TREASURE HUNT TRAGEDY.

EIGHT MEN KILLED ON EARL FITZ-WILLIAM'S EXPEDITION.

FATAL BLASTING.

Earl Fitzwilliam and his party of treasure seekers, including Admiral Palliser, arrived home from the Cocos Islands on January 27 on the mail steamer Orinoco.

The disaster, which led to the abandonment of his treasure hunting expedition, was of a more serious character than has previously been stated, eight lives having been lost.

The story is a remarkable one. Earl Fitzwilliam and his party secured a number of native labourers in the West Indies before proceeding on the Veronique to the Cocos Islands, where they were to be employed in the search.

The Veronique was duly brought to anchor of a safe distance from the shore, and the heavy blasting materials and implements were conveyed ashore in the ship's boats. Tents were soon erected for the accommodation of the workpeople, who were provided with shovels and picks for turning over the soil.

Here and there were evidences of many a landslide which had sent the rocks toppling over one another carrying with them tons and tons of soil. It was realised that if any impression was to be made on the rocks large charge of dynamite would have to be fired and it was arranged to fire two charges at a time.

AN AWFUL TRAGEDY.

The charge had been fired, and after a due interval had been allowed to elapse it was thought that the second charge had missed fire.

The workmen advanced to inspect the effect of the blasting but had scarcely reached the spot when another terrific explosion occurred all being thrown to the ground.

The second charge had exploded, and when the onlookers, among whom were Admiral Pilliser and Earl Fitzwilliam himself, hurried forward, it was found that eight men were dead, their bodies having been badly mutilated and torn by the force of the explosion. Others had been injured by falling rocks and fragments of stone.

Earl Fitzwilliam himself was struck on the head by a fragment of stone that grazed his temple, while Captain Bulkeley was very seriously injured, and for a time was in a state of unconsciousness. Mr. Smith of Sheffield, sustained some injuries of a trifling character.

Three of the crew of the Veronique were so badly hurt as to necessitate their removal as speedily as possible to the hospital at Panama.

As a result of the fatal explosion Earl Fitzwilliam decided to abandon the quest for the treasure.

THE NERVES OF JAPAN.

SIR FREDERICK TREVES'S TRAVEL IMPRESSIONS.

Sir Frederick Treves, "The Other Side of the Lantern," which Messrs. Cassell and Co., publish is altogether delightful in its fresh outlook, its keen observation, and its vigorous description. The women of India rather excite Sir Frederick's pity. He speaks of this "peninsula of the pessimist," and adds :—

"He who would see what a human being might look like at the age of two hundred years should seek out one of the toothless old women who crouch in the dark doorways in the bazaar. He would find a crooked, grey ghost in rags,

"Whose shrivelled skin, sun-tanned,
Clings like a beast's hide to its fleshless bones":

Whose face shows wrinkles which obliterate the features, and seem to be graven down to the very skull. Such a poor soul may not be more than sixty, but Methuselah on his death-bed could not have looked older."

But it is perhaps to Sir Frederick's impressions of Japan that one turns with the most expectation. He has formed the highest opinion of the mental equilibrium of the race. "The native of Japan," he tells us, "is not troubled by 'nerves' :

"As an instance of the solidity of the Japanese nervous system, I might mention the following circumstances. Through the kindness of the eminent surgeon, Professor Ito, I had an opportunity of visiting the chief civil hospital in Kyoto. This splendidly equipped institution is not only up-to-date from the standpoint of the Western world, but it also possesses features which Europe will no doubt copy when it is up-to-date from the standpoint of Japan.

To a bed here and there was affixed a red ball on a stick. Outside the door of the ward was a like-coloured disc, upon which was shown what number of beds in the ward were distinguished by the red ball. This insignium, I found, served to indicate that the occupant of the bed was so dangerously ill that he must neither be disturbed nor talked to. I wonder how this method would answer in England, and what would be the feelings of the sick man, full of doubts as to how his malady would end, when he saw, after the surgeon's visit, the red ball hoisted above his bed?

In the operating theatre, a man was being anæsthetised prior to a serious abdominal operation. In the arena, strange to say, was another operating table, upon which was another man who had been "prepared" according to the ritual of antiseptic surgery. He was to undergo an operation identical with that which was soon in actual progress. It was explained to me that it was more convenient to prepare two patients at a time than one. The second man watched with interest the operation upon his ward companion, saw the abdomen opened, and the viscera protrude. It was quite possible that the first man might die on the table, in sight of the patient, who was waiting his turn. Knowing the extreme kindness of the Japanese to one another, and consideration for one another's feelings, I asked if this ordeal was not an indifferent prelude to an operation, and if the second man was not likely to be upset. The surgeon's answer was "Please feel his pulse!" I did. It was beating as quietly as if the man had been asleep."

Sir Frederick Treves is impressed by Japanese cooking. It "would be not unfitly called exquisite. The food is neither greasy nor messy, nor in crude lumps, while every dish is pretty to look at." A contrast is drawn with our own method of serving dishes which is rather unpleasantly true.

FIRE AT ETON COLLEGE.

GOOD DISCIPLINE OF THE BOYS.

What might have proved a very serious fire occurred at the residence of Mr. H. F. W. Tatham at Eton College on the morning of January 27. The fire, which broke out of the third story, was discovered at seven o'clock. The alarm was at once given to the boarders in the house, who were in bed at the time. They were quickly marshalled in the corridor, and when the roll had been called were marched downstairs. But for the coolness of Mr. and Mrs. Tatham, and the good discipline of the boys themselves, a disaster might have occurrred.

The firemen, who were quickly on the spot, found the walls and ceiling around the electric light apparatus blazing, but the flames were soon extinguished after some portions of the ceiling had been cut away. There are nearly fifty boarders at Mr. Tatham's, who only returned to school, after the Christmas holidays, the previous day.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS. Sudden changes of temperature sorely try persons prone to rheumatism, sciatica, tic douloureux, and many maladies scarcely less painful, though of shorter duration. On the first attack of stiffness or suffering in any muscle, joint or nerve, recourse should immediately be had to fomenting the seat of disease with hot brine and rubbing in this remarkable Ointment, which will assuage the uneasiness of the part, subdue inflammation and reduce the swelling. The Pills simultaneously taken will rectify constitutional disturbances and renew the strength. No remedy heretofore discovered has proved so effective as the Ointment and Pills for removing gouty, rheumatic and scrofulous attacks, which afflict all ages, and are commonly called hereditary.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

BENGAL WHEAT.

The first forecast of the wheat crop of Bengal, 1904-1905, is as under :—

Preliminary.—Wheat is grown chiefly in Bihar, and in the districts of Murshidabad, Nadia, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Pabna, Palamau and Hazaribagh.

Character of the season.—The conditions most favourable for the wheat crop are a moist condition of the soil in October and occasional light showers during the next three months. Dry cold is helpful, and the delta area of the Province is therefore unsuitable for this crop. The rainfall of October throughout the wheat districts was very favourable. Drought prevailed since then until January, when rainfall was again general. Murshidabad and Nadia received very little rainfall in October and scarcely any since then until January, when a hailstorm did considerable damage in Murshidabad. The outturn in these two districts will be only about 60 per cent. All the other important wheat districts have enjoyed favourable conditions.

Area sown.—The total normal area under wheat in the Province now stands at 1, 504,500 acres against 1,498,500 acres returned last year, the increase being due to revision of figures by the District officers of Bhagalpur and Purnea. The actual area sown this year is returned as 1,443,400 acres against 1,508,300 acres of last year. The decrease is due to rain coming very late in the sowing season. In the case of Patna, Muzaffarpur and Cuttack both the normal and actual areas are based on ascertained data, i.e., on survey figures. The figures for normal areas only, returned by Saran, Champaran and Darbhanga are also similarly obtained from actual data. The remaining figures are either wholly or partly approximations.

Character of the crop.—From the Appendix it will be seen that nine districts have returned 100 per cent. crop, seven districts between 90 and 99 per cent., seven districts 80 to 89 per cent., seven districts 70 to 79 per cent, and only six districts less than 65 per cent. The three districts, viz., Jessore, Angul and Ranchi, which have returned the worst crops, are unimportant as wheat growing districts. According to the estimate of District Officers, the outturn for the whole Province works out to 90 per cent, but, considering the favourable condition of rainfall during the past month, I am inclined to raise the estimate to 95 per cent., of a normal crop.

BENGAL COTTON.

The forecast of the late cotton crop of Bengal, 1904-1905, states :—

The late cotton is grown in sixteen districts of this Province, the most important being Saran, Muzaffarpur, Cuttack and Singhbhum. It is not grown in Bengal proper, except to a small extent in Midnapore and Bankura. Heavy rain, i. e., a rainfall of 6 inches or more per month, is highly injurious to this crop at the early part of the growing season, while it can stand almost absolute drought during the latter part of the season. The sowing season is different in different localities. In most places the crop is sown in September, while in Orissa and in parts of Manbhum sowing is done after rainfall in December or January. Favourable conditions prevailed only in the districts of Patna and Balasore, and the prospects in these two districts therefore are the best. In the districts of Saran and Champaran, on the other hand, unfavourable conditions prevailed, in the sowing season in the case of Champaran, where only 1·12 inches of rain were obtained against the normal of 9·39 inches, and in the early part of the growing season in the case of Saran, where in October 7·29 inches of rain were obtained against the normal of 2·07 inches. Owing to the injury caused by drought at the sowing season, Champaran expects only a 39 per cent. crop while, owing to the injury done by excess of rainfall at the early part of the growing season, Saran expects an outturn of 85 per cent. In Bhagalpur and Manbhum the conditions were generally favourable, and a 93 per cent. and 89 per cent. crop, respectively, are expected in these two districts. In the remaining districts, where drought generally prevailed from September onwards, the crop is estimated at between 82 and 84 per cent.

Area sown.—Special enquiries were made throughout the year with regard to the area and yield under both varities of cotton. Since the issue of a circular to District Officers, which tabulated the result of these enquiries up to last August, the travelling Overseers of this Department were deputed to help the District officers in a further enquiry, and the present forecast gives the results, though it cannot by any means be yet regarded either as final or even satisfactory. The total normal area now returned is 41,900 acres against 50,200 acres of last year's forecast, and against 40,400 acres ascertained at the special enquiry concluded before last August. The area planted this year is returned as 37,800 acres against 39,000 acres of last year's forecast, which was subsequently revised to 35,700 acres. Of the normal and actual areas under late cotton returned this year, only 26,936 acres and 8,905 acres, respectively, are derived from ascertained data, the estimate for the remaining areas being only approximations. Thus the whole of the normal areas returned by Saran, Champaran, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga and Puri and the actual areas for this year returned by Muzaffarpur, Dharbhanga and Puri are derived from survey papers.

Character of the crop.—According to the estimates furnished by District Officers, the provincial outturn comes to 75 per cent., but, considering the favourable character of the rainfall last month, the crop that will be actually harvested is not likely to fall below 80 per cent. of a normal crop.

Gross outturn.—According to the district estimates the total yield of the crop calculated at 75 per cent. will be 5,106 100 lbs. Information regarding outturn is being collected by crop-picking experiments, but is not yet complete. Adding 5 per cent., the total yield this year according to my estimate comes to 5,361,400 lbs.

BURMA COTTON.

The summary of the final forecast of the cotton crop in Burma for the year 1904-05 states :—The area under cultivation in all the cotton-growing districts, including the less important ones, is estimated to be 188 921 acres, or an increase over last year's actuals of 23,767 acres. The rains of October were unfavourable, and the provincial outturn is thus only 87 per cent. of an average crop. The area destroyed by floods and other causes is now reported at 8,952 acres. The outturn of cleaned cotton is calculated at 37,187 bales of 400 lbs. each, the increase over the previous estimate being due to a revision of areas under crop and anna estimates in several districts.

THE BELLARY PRESS COMPANY LD.

The report of the directors of this Company to be laid for the year ended 31st December last, states :—During the year 3·27 bales were pressed by the press factory and 42,950 Nugs were ginned by the gin factory and the result of the net earning amounts to Rs. 10,156-12-2 adding to which the sum of Rs. 576-15-7 brought over from last year's account the total available balance for disposal is Rs. 10,733-11-9, which the directors beg to apportion as under :—To payment of dividend on 107 shares at Rs. 15 per share to Rs. 2,205; to depreciation of machinery Rs. 4,000; to depriciation of building Rs. 1,500; to working fund Rs. 2,500; to carry forward to next year's account Rs. 228-11-9 total Rs. 10,733-11-9.

The directors state that in view of the increasing demand on the Company's gin factory by customers, they are extending the same by eight double roller gins 1 boiler 30 by 7 feet and three godowns which are in course of erection and are likely to be worked during the ensuing season. Owing to Messrs. Volkart Brothers, Secretaries and Treasurers of the leased Volkart's United Press Co., Ld., having withdrawn from the combination, the western pressing combination will be at an end on 31st March next. The property is insured against loss by fire for Rs. 66,500 Mr Maneckji C Mehta retires by rotation but is eligible for re-election.

BOMBAY RACES.

SECOND DAY SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17.

HANDICAP.

The Grand Western Handicap—1 mile 1 furlong—Tubal Cain 9 9, Pure Gold 9 2, Amplify 8 13, Hoop Iron 8 11, Rapid Pilgrim 8 6, Ayrdale 8 6, Essington 8 3, Applause 8 2, Nat Gould 8 0, Rifleman 7 12, Trenton 7 11, Loyal 7 7, Saint, Marquis 7 6, Misty 7 4, Jim Gosper 6 13, Sweet Sound 6 8 and Thomond 6 7.

The Imperial Plate—6 furlongs—S P 10 4, Russly Rose 9 13, Yankee Boy 9 12, Vera 9 4, Fat C 8 3, Olga 7 12, Omelet e 7 12, Filbert 7 10 La France 7 2, Blackthorne 7 2, Lucrot a 6 7.

The Importer's Handicap—6 furlongs—Kingston 9 12 Applause 9 8, Saint Marquise 9 5, Shotover 9 4, Signorina 9 3, Lumbell 8 13, Gun Metal 8 7, Dormont 8 6, Hillsborough 8 5, Rosa 8 3, Blue Blood 8 2, Baleyeno 8 1, Olga Patricia 8 0, Galley Slave 7 13, Harvest Lady 7 12, Westman 11 7 12, Quover 6 9 Victory 6 7, Ural 6 0.

Final forfeits for above races due before 6 p m Thursday 16 February 1905.

HORSES STRUCK OUT.

The Grand Western Handicap.—Thomond Ayrdale.
The Importers Handicap.—Saint Marquise, Quaver, Ural, applause and Hillsborough.
The Bombay Derby.—Gallant, Berlin, Mameluke, Arabian Flag, St, Gallen.
The Tom Le Mesurier Plate.—Shalbosh, Nippon, Hermet, Young Shahen, Nour Sahib, Meoreef, Delerjung, Gold, Haddal, Yerbo, Keemut and Bruiser.
The Melton Plate—Karadev, May Duke, Arch, Duke Port Arthur, Mekannie, Dicolpore, Jolly Joker, Sprinter, Highborn, Admiral Togo, Duxon, Shamsherjung, Nepaul, Golden Gate, Assad, Barometer, Trooper, Chawser Sarab' British India, Warced, Derk and Murshed.

CECIL GRAY.
Secretary W. S. T. C.

Bombay, 16 February.

BURIED MILLIONS.

MR. GRAY'S HUNT FOR TREASURE ON COCOS ISLAND.

Interest in the buried millions of Cocos Island has been intensified by the return of two of the members of the crew of Mr. Harold Gray's yacht Rosemarie.

They were seen at their homes near Southampton the other day by an "Express" representative, to whom they told the story of the second futile search which began last November.

Geissler, the Crusoe of Cocos Island, who obtained a clue to the Bonita treasure from a relative of one of the pirates eighteen years ago, and has since then spent the greater part of his time searching for it, joined the syndicate of which Mr. Gray is practically the head.

As soon as the Rosemarie reached Cocos from Panama Geissler and a body of peons set to work to cut a road over the mountain to the three acres of flat land which plans and documents in the possession of the syndicate indicate as the place where the main treasure is buried.

Mr. Gray, who paid the Government of Costa Rica £75,000 for the sole right of searching on Cocos Island for two years, began a quest for the Bonita treasure in Chatham Bay.

EXPLORING A CAVE.

In the course of the explorations, the Gray party came across a cave, and entered it. They found that it became wider as they went on, and was of considerable length.

The floor, which was perfectly flat near the entrance, gradually sloped upwards, and eventually progress was stopped by an enormous slab of rock which was maintained in an upright position by two big boulders firmly fixed in the ground.

The explorers, whose curiosity was thoroughly aroused, began digging and a few feet beneath the surface found a couple of iron cooking utensils of a very old pattern.

Mr. Gray decided that before proceeding further with his investigations, he would consult Geissler. The German scouted the idea that the slab possessed any significance, and although some of Mr. Gray's assistants strongly urged that it should be removed, the leader fell in whith Geissler's view, and the search was abandoned.

Afterwards Mr. Gray confined his attentions to the main treasure, and is said to have readily consented to a proposal that Earl Fitzwilliam should search for the Bonita treasure in Chatham Bay.

The crew of the Rosemarie have been promised 30 per cent. of the value of any treasure found.

The two sailors who have returned left Cocos Island on Christmas-eve. Their stay on the island was anything but pleasant, for rain fell almost incessantly, and, combined with the intense heat, enveloped Cocos in a perpetual mist.

AN ITALIAN ANARCHIST'S RUSE.

No one can deny that the Italians are very intelligent in getting out of a tight place. This was proved the other day in Venice. None in Italy are exempt from serving on a jury. In any country jury service is most annoying, but in the Peninsula doubly so, as, for example, if you have the misfortune to serve on a murder case the trial will certainly take months, perhaps years, and the miserable juror has to attend the court every day, no matter how awry his own affairs may go in the meantime. Instances of absolute ruin have been known, but there is no remedy. The law requires that you shall register for this public service, and if you do not you are subject to heavy fines.

The Venice case finished more happily through the readiness of the man called. He was a porter, and objected that while he was helping the law his family would starve. "Law is nothing to the State, said the official, serve you must. But any way I can't, as I am an Anarchist!" But that does not prevent you, said the other. Yes, it does, retorted the porter, driven to his wit's end; being an Anarchist I consider all murderers in the right and would refuse to condemn any one! This plea was allowed, and he was free to keep his family from starvation.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

("The Bombay Government Gazette," February 16.)

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

The following Notification by the Govt of India in the Foreign Dept is republished for general information.

With reference to Notification No 1160-E C dated the 4th May Mr G Gorio Consul for Italy at Bombay resumed charge of his office on the 17th Jan 1905.

H Ey the Gove in Council is pleased to appoint Mr W C Tudor-Owen I C S to do duty as / sist to the Agent to the Govr Kathiawar.

Mr W S Meegan Assist Secry to Govt Political Dept is granted privilege leave for one month and thirty days, combined with furlough to Europe for ten months from the 12th April.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

The following gentlemen passed on the 6th February an examination in Marathi according to the Higher Standard—Mr Shripad Venkatesh Kalyanpurkar B A LL B—Mr Sureshchandra Purshottamdas Padamji B A LL B.

Mr Narayan Shripat Pethwe Assist Supt of police Sholapur is granted privilege leave for six weeks from the 17th Jan.

The Govr in Council is pleased to confirm the following appointments made by the Hon the Chief Justice of HM's High Court of Judicature Bombay in connection with the revised arrangements for the discharge of the duties of the Clerk of the Insolvent Debtors' Court Bombay sanctioned by the Secy of State for India in Despatch No 31 Judicial dated the 2nd Sept 1904—Mr W Lane to be First Deputy Registrar Commr for taking Affidavits and Clerk of the Insolvent Debtors' Court Bombay—Mr Phiroz Behramji Melabari Barrister and Commr for taking Affidavits—Mr C W D'Gama Senior Judges' Clerk and Commr for taking Affidavits vice Mr Malabar—Mr Ruchidbhai Bhaibabbai Patel B A LL B Cantab Barrister at Law to act as Third Deputy Registrar and Commr for taking Affidavits vice Mr Malabari appointed to act as Assistant Registrar Appellate Side and Supdt of the High Court Prize Bombay until further orders.

Mr A C Wild I C S Assist Judge and Sessions Judge Ratnagiri is granted privilege leave for two months and four days with effect from the date on which he may avail himself of it on condition that he returns to duty on the expiry thereof.

The Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr W M F Clarke Acting Dist Supdt of Police Kanara on relief by Mr J W Fellowes to do duty as Assist Supdt of Police Kanara till he avails himself of the leave sanctioned in Govt Notification No 638 dated the 1st February.

Mr G H Cowan I C S Assist Collector in the dist of Belgaum is appointed under section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to be a Magistrate of the Second Class in that dist—Mr Cowan is also appointed under section 22 of the Code to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the territories subject to the administration of the Govt of Bombay other than the Presidency Town of Bombay.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr Vinayak Krishna Nanjundi B A Dist Deputy Collector Khandesh is allowed privilege leave of absence for thirty days.

H Ey the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr Digambar Dalaya B A to act as Dist Deputy Collector Khandesh during the absence on leave of Mr Vinayak Krishna Namjoshi B A or pending further orders.

Mr T B Fry Conservator of Forest Central Circle is granted privilege leave of absence for three months.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr Ganesh Janardan Agashe B A Curator Govt Central Book Depot is granted furlough for four months in combination with privilege leave already granted to him in Govt Notifications Nos 218 and 92 dated the 16th Nov 1904 and 18th Jan 1905 respectively.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

Mr. James J. Corbett, the famous pugilist, has decided to play Hamlet. He has very strong opinions as to the reading which should be given to the character, and he has severely criticised the methods of other actors. Hamlet as generally presented is far too weak a character to please Mr. Corbett. "The trouble with Shakspere," he said to an interviewer, "is that the actors keep on giving us a mossback performance. I believe that if Shakspere is put on with a modern setting, people will like it better than light comedy. Give 'em a Hamlet who has a good punch. That's a stunt that will make 'em go. I am going to play a Hamlet that is up to date. I have taken to acting seriously, and people who know, think I have it in me. Anyhow, one of the leading managers of this country is willing to stake money on me. I am going to play the legitimate from now on. I am going to show the world that Jim Corbett can be champion on the stage as he was in the ring." Mr. Corbett is not lacking in modesty, of a sort, though he shows it unusually. We shall be interested to know what the theatre-goers of Minneapolis think of a performance of Hamlet which is not "mossback."

A paragraph recently cited one or two instances in which women had invaded spheres of masculine activity. It is, of course, nothing new that women should undertake men's work, for in the sixteenth century, Mary Ambree put on men's clothes and went to fight in the wars. A few years later the redoubtable Roaring Girl was to be seen in London, swaggering like a gallant and smoking an inch of clay. In the seventeenth century Ann Bonny went to sea as a pirate, in the crimson trousers of the trade, with the black flag at her schooner's peak. Since her time there have been lady grenadiers and lady blue jackets, lady doctors and lady lawyers, but none so wonderful as a certain Spanish lady whose history comes to us from Bolivia. She was born in Spain in the seventeenth century, and educated in a convent at St. Sebastian, of which her aunt was the Abbess. One day she contrived to steal her aunt's keys, together with a pair of scissors. She escaped out of a window to a wood, where she snipped off her novice's habit into the ordinary dress of a lad. She then tramped to a distant seaport, where she shipped as a cabin boy, and sailed for New Spain. On arriving in South America she entered the Spanish army. She trailed a pike for a year or two, distinguished herself in an action with pirates at Arica, and gained a sub-lieutenancy for her good conduct. As an ensign she fought several duels, killing four men. The friends of these four made an uproar when she killed the fifth, and she had to leave her regiment with all speed. She made for the Sierra da Santa Catalina, a range of lofty peaks in Peru, over which she hoped to pass into Argentina. The Sierra are the most barren places in the world, and the only folk she passed upon the road were two dead men who had starved there, with their pocket full of Spanish gold. At last she contrived to reach Argentina, where a Spaniard entertained her with all the courtesy of his race. She stayed with the Spaniard until he developed a suspicion that she was making love to his wife (she was of course still posing as a man) and she had to declare her sex in order to clear herself.

The "howler" printed recently reminds a correspondent of an examination in food values at which a youth expressed himself as follows :—I have an extinct collusion that porridge forms a fine vibration for the day's work. At another examination a little girl was asked to repeat the greeting of the angels to the shepherds on the first Christmas morning. She thought a little while, and then said that the greeting ran "God rest ye, merry gentlemen." But neither of these, writes our correspondent, is quite so happy as the remark made to him by an old Irishwoman describing her husband's illness. The poor man suffered, she said, from a kind of a nervous wind in the spine.

The exhibition of the works of Vassili Vassilievitch Verestchaguin at St. Petersburg will shortly be closed. The most pathetic things on view were some rough sketches that the great painter had made of the early days of the siege of Port Arthur, and already Verestchaguin has become one of the national heroes. He was without exception one of the greatest painters of war pieces that the nineteenth century has produced. The exhibition also contains some of his best pictures of scenes in Turkestan, the Caucasus, the Crimea, and India, portraits of Usbeck horsemen, Tcherkess archers, and Jews of Moscow, Thugs in blue turbans, Parsees in black mitres, Pariahs in rags, and all the life and movement and colour of the wonderful East. There are many paintings from sketches which the artist made in the Russo-Turkish War. The most notable of these are "Wounded," which shows a dying soldier with his hand clasped on his bullet-shattered chest, and "The Trenches," which shows a hand-to-hand conflict. Verestchaguin has left to posterity in his pictures a terrible indictment of war.

The French Prefect of Police has just completed his annual distribution of "coupe-files," those cards which, as their name implies, when shown to the police render their bearers superior to the ordinary regulations enforced for the management of crowds upon public occasions; so that, for instance, a newspaper reporter on showing his "coupe-file" is allowed to pass the restraining cordon of police when a great fire or a state procession is in progress without let or hindrance. But it is not only reporters who receive them. The list just made out includes the President of the French Republic and the "personnel" of the Elysee, the Ministers, and any sovereigns visiting Paris (this last seems slightly superfluous one would think). Their cards are white in colour and ample in size. Members of the Diplomatic Corps, notables of foreign Embassies, foreign Consuls General, ex-Ministers, permanent Under Secretaries, and all the other high officers of State, members of the Institute, of the Council of the Legion of Honour of the Council of the Bar, magistrates, the managers and Secretaries of the subsidised theatres, the syndic of the Agents de Change, the governor, deputy governor, and manager of the Banque of France, each receives his "Open, Sesame" card—to say nothing of a select list of personal friends of Ministers, deputies, and of the Prefect of Police himself. The list is closed by the journalists properly "accredited" by the newspapers whose interests they serve. In all more than 4,000 people are thus favoured.

Mr. Reginald Vanderbilt was the favourite for a sleigh race at Newport during the recent fashionable gatherings there. Day after day he beat all comers, and he was looked upon as a "certainty," for the final. Just at the close there appeared a lady with a fine horse in her sleigh. The lady was heavily veiled, and like a knight of the olden time she approached the tourney and prayed to be allowed to compete. After a little consideration, as Mr. Vanderbilt had no objections, she was permitted to start, and everyone was horrified to find that she won easily. The saddest part of the affair is that when she unveiled she was found to be no one in particular, and the crowd was aghast. She was merely a farmer's wife, and she had had the audacity to come forward in fashionable Newport and defeat Mr Vanderbilt, in full view of the most exclusive of the society of New York.

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M. A. P. IN THE GREEN ROOM.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Terry (Miss Julia Neilson) are always at their best in romantic comedy. The actor is the ideal hero, and the actress the ideal heroine, of the story that ends happily—the more refined if quite as noisy specimen of what was once called, in a ballad or melodrama, the "Virtue-versus-Vice-and-vice-versa" group. Capable as they are, and have proved themselves to be, of satisfying the modern taste, there is yet about both of them a decided dash of the old school, and this, expressing as it ever does a profoundly cheerful faith in the more childish side of our natures, supports them finely throughout their task, and prevents them from faltering into the fatality of half measures. As the brave Sir Percy and the eminently womanly Lady Blakeney of "The Scarlet Pimpernel," Mr. Terry and Miss Neilson are properly at a high pressure of earnestness almost from the rise to the fall of the curtain, and it must be confessed that a romance of the sort would be likely to fall considerably flat, if the chief players in it attempted to convince others without seeming themselves to be convinced.

The right personal appearance is, of course, a prodigiously powerful factor in the success of a play or a part, and here, again, are Mr. Fred Terry and his beautiful wife in luck. If a novelist, perhaps, one might say particularly a lady novelist, wanted to describe her hero in such a way as to put him on good terms at once with her readers, she could not possibly do better, either for them or herself, than imagine that Mr. Terry had got mislaid and she was composing an advertisement for the agony column calculated to lead to his discovery. And Mr. Terry represents the hero of romance as he is drawn by the artist as well as described by the writer. The upright figure, the broad shoulders the manly bearing, the strong chin, and the rest of it. As to Miss Julia Neilson, is she not, in form and feature, face and limb, to say nothing of voice and manner, the twin sister of the lived-happy-ever-after heroine? Describe her and you provide the first chapter of romance with its most characteristic passage! Photograph her, and you attach to the passage a perfectly faithful illustration! Mr. and Mrs. Fred Terry are purely and simply romantic and that is why they succeed so well in plays like Sunday and "The Scarlet Pimpernel."

A prominent figure in the romantic comedy at the New is the Chauvelin of Mr. Horace Hodges. The wily French envoy, who occupies the position of the villain of the piece, is in real life one of the frankest and most open of men, and the parts he has hitherto been seen in have mostly been of the "breezy" type. Behind the pseudonym of "Thomas Raceward," Mr. Horace Hodges hides with Mr. Wigney Percyval and Mr. Edward Irwin, and that the literary partnership is so far a successful one is proved by the fact that their play, Sunday, which enjoyed so prosperous a season at the Comedy at the beginning of the recently deceased year, is to-day having a very profitable run in the provinces. Mr. Hodges, like Messrs. Percyval and Irwin, the other two-thirds of the authorship of Sunday, had his dramatic training in the company of the late Wilson Barrett. In spite of "previous experience" at the old Greenwich Theatre, where, among other parts, he played Perkyn Middlewick in Our Boys, and played it, according to a local critic, very badly, the young actor was at the beginning only entrusted at the Princess's with "walk one," and he made his first appearance with Mr. Barrett under these somewhat restricted conditions in the memorable production of The Romany Rye.

Greater, perhaps, than his achievements as an actor and an author, because decidedly the more trying, is his record as a faithful servant to the remarkably successful play. The Sign of the Cross. Mr. Hodges was with the original company from first to last, which would be from the time, it was produced in St. Louis in 1895, to the early part of 1904, when Wilson Barrett treated it to an occasional revival in the provinces. Sunday, by-the-way is not the only play by "Thomas Raceward," Messrs. Hodges, Percyval, and Irwin were responsible for the drama, When the Devil Drives, which was produced some years ago in Manchester, where it met with a very favourable reception at the hands both of the captious Manchester critics and the hard-to-please Manchester playgoers. The three-headed playwright is soon to be transformed into a two-headed one, for Mr. Irwin is retiring from the combination, leaving Mr. Hodges and Mr. Percyval to halve the future glories of "Thomas Raceward" between them.

It is rumoured, many will hope with proper reason, that the London stage is before very long to number among its leading lights once again the gentle and genial Tom Thorne. Revivals of the old Vaudeville comedies are in this connection whispered about, and it really seems that Sophia, the late Robert Buchanan's adaptation of Tom Jones, would, if repeated at a good theatre, and cast as strongly as of yore, attract a large number of playgoers to the box-office. No particular comedy has been mentioned, but Sophia was the most successful of the Thorne productions during the years he, his brother Fred and Mr. Sydney Aiport, ran the Vaudeville, and it is pretty certain that its revival at the present time would be heartily welcomed by a public none too pampered of late by contemporary dramatists. If rumour is anywhere right, and Sophia the selection, many of us will hope that Mr. Leonard Boyne will be free to appear again as Tom Jones, and that Miss Kate Rorke can be secured for the part of Sophia.

Among the brothers Thorne there is one who is a dissenting minister, and he has always been so keenly opposed to the stage that he has not hesitated to preach against even his own very theatrical family. It was his custom in the old days of the Thornes' successes to follow his brother Tom's company about and give off sermons on the wickedness of the stage in the very towns where the sinners happened to be playing. This naturally created in the generous heart of Tom a strongly felt sense of resentment, and the actor now and again made a few notable remarks on the subject of his pious brother's persecution. One evening, at a dinner given in honour of Tom Thorne, the comedian rose and said in reply to a guest who had been complimenting him upon his qualities as an actor, It is very kind of my friend to say such nice things about me. But anyone would think, from his speech, that I was the best actor in the world, and that is a distinction which really belongs to my brother, the dissenting minister.

First night nervousness on the stage and a bitterly cold auditorium in front of it, might have had a lot to do with the unenthusiastic reception at Terry's on Wednesday night, of Mr. Percy Fendall's light comedy, Mrs. Dering's Divorce. In warmer weather and with the chief players in a safer and more comfortable mood, all might have gone well. But even as it happened on Wednesday, there was nothing that can truly be said to have gone positively ill. Mrs. Langtry was in excellent comedy form as Mrs. Dering, the young wife who, at her husband's suggestion, agrees to divorce him because, owing to the extravagant way they live together as man and wife "united they fall," to reverse the second half of the old proverb; and Mr. Leonard Boyne's Captain Dering was one of the finest performances this very finished actor has ever presented. If the play is nothing much more than these acts of conversation between Captain and Mrs. Dering the conversation is extremely bright, and all that is spoken has a direct bearing upon the development of a really most entertaining scheme.

Mr. Fendall's comedy is fantastic as well as light and it is interpreted "in the spirit in which it is written," or it would seem somewhat brutal. The second act contains a highly amusing scene between divorced husband and wife. A year has elapsed since the decree was made absolute, and Mrs. Dering, in black for her divorced husband, is sitting in their old house in Mayfair, which has been rescued from the brokers by her wealthy mother. (The old lady had refused to help her daughter, while Captain Dering remained with her, and this was one of the inducements for the divorce.) The servant brings in a note, which proves to be from an African heiress who is desirous of having from Mrs. Dering the character of her divorced husband. The heiress, a bluestocking is calling a little later for the character; and meanwhile the sheepish Captain looks in upon his late wife to hope she will give him a satisfactory one, just for old times' sake! During his visit, he falls in love with his wife again, and falls out of love with the American heiress's money, and his hesitation in taking leave of Mrs. Dering after the interview is one of the most amusing touches of comedy imaginable. The scene between the two women is singularly funy, and a large amount of the success of it is due to the clever acting of Miss Beatrice Ferrar, who appears as the goggled and gamped American heiress. On the whole, Mrs. Dering's divorce is very well worth seeing.

A scheme is under consideration for placing the Indian Museum, and Art Gallery, Calcutta, on a broader basis. The staff will be reorganised, and strengthened. The building now used for the Art Gallery and the collection of economic products will be demolished and a new structure on a plan similar to the Museum will be built.

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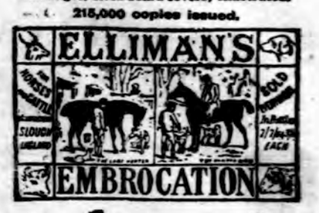

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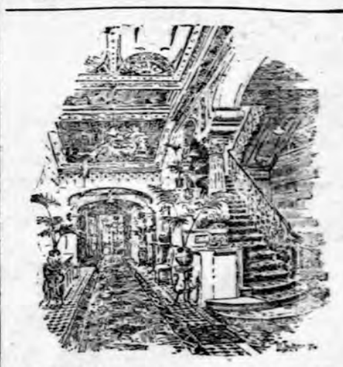

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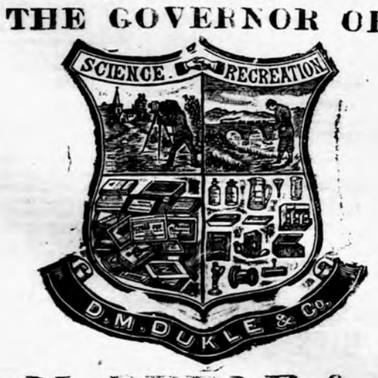

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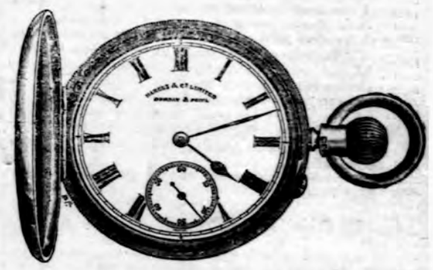

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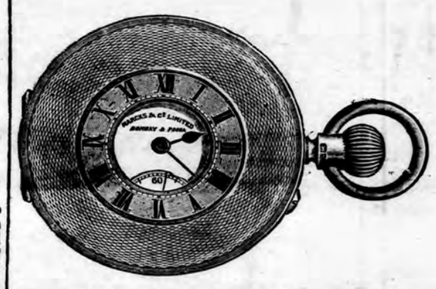

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